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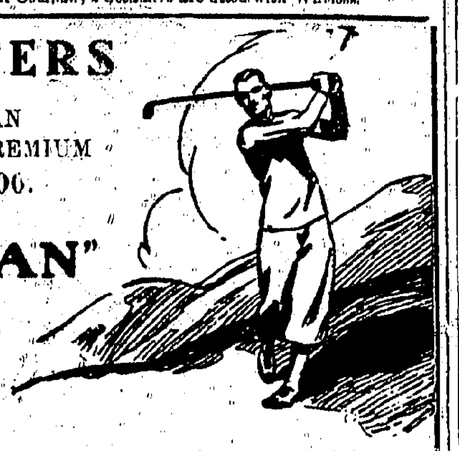

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Central Theatre "The Texan."

King's Theatre: "The Girl Habit."

Queen's Theatre: "Sporting Blood."

World Theatre: "Yu Tong Chun" (Chinese film).

Majestic Theatre: "Cohens and Kellys in Africa."

Star Theatre: "Call of the Flesh."

Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Carnival Dances at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

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FRIDAY.

(December 25.)

Christmas Day.

Christmas Services at St. John's Cathedral, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, St. Peter's Church, West Point, Union Church, Hong Kong, Union Church, Kowloon, Methodist Church, St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, Catholic Cathedral and Rosary Church, Kowloon.

Hockey: Radio Sports Club *v.* German Club.

Football: England *v.* Scotland, Club ground.

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European Mail:—Outward: Europe *via* Suez (Suwa Maru) noon.

SATURDAY.

(December 26.)

Boxing Day.

Opening of New Pavilion, Civil Service Cricket Club, Happy Valley, 3 p.m.

Cricket.—Kowloon C.C. *v.* Navy (F.), 11 a.m.; University *v.* Indian R.C. (F.), 11 a.m.; Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Army (F.), 11 a.m.; Craigengower C.C. Married *v.* Single, Indian R.C. seconds *v.* University seconds (F.), 11 a.m.

Football. *Sunday Herald* Cup: Wales *v.* Portugal (Club ground); Chinese League: Chinese Athletic "B" *v.* Yee Woo, South China "A" *v.* South China "B" Chinese Ath. "A" *v.* Sung Ching.

Golf.—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Christmas Meeting.

Hunting.—Fanling Hunt Meet (Anandale), 2.45 p.m.

A Quick Glimpse Of Manchuria.

INDESCRIBABLE MELANCHOLY OF CHINA'S LAND OF SORROWS.

HEALTHY AND FERTILE, BUT INFESTED WITH BANDITS.

Endless steppes, almost as treeless as Australia's Nullarbor Plain, covered with rank grass, with fields of maize and beans around the sad little grey villages—that is the impression of a traveller by train through Manchuria, where China and Japan are now fighting for the possession of an empire in the making, writes Campbell Dixon in the London *Daily Telegraph*.

Manchuria is healthy, it is immensely fertile, it should be one of the happiest countries in the world. Why, then, does it share with Siberia an indescribable melancholy? It cannot be simply that bandits are many and life uncertain. The thing goes deeper than that. There is something depressing about all north-eastern Asia, something sorrowful, something in the dull browns and greys and greens of these monotonous plains symbolic of monotonous lives.

I am speaking here, of course, of the great central plain through which the railway runs on the way north to Harbin. The remoter regions are both more varied and more attractive. In the south-east rise the Long White Mountains, in places 8,000 ft. high, running from Korea towards Vladivostok: in the north soar the Hingans, a magnificent range uninhabited save for trappers, the home of fox, squirrel, deer, wolf, and bear.

BANDITS EVERYWHERE.

But such places are hard to get at. Roads do not exist in China; bridges are mostly primitive affairs of rope or rickety timber. And there are bandits everywhere.

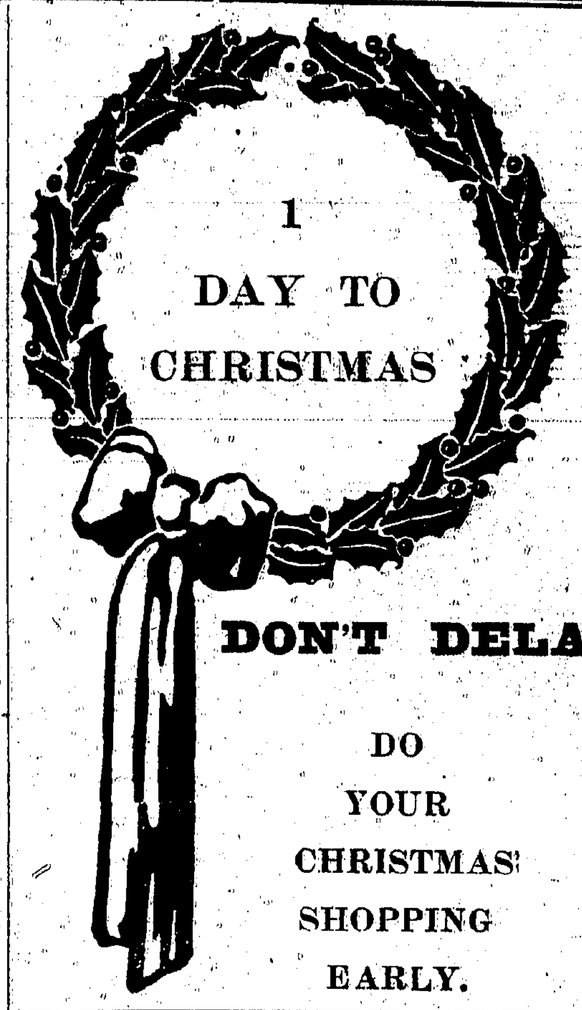
An acquaintance in Harbin invited me to ride out to look at a timber concession. A guard of twenty soldiers was provided by the vendor. Alas, for his pains. Five miles from Harbin some horsemen filed across the skyline, very tiny and insignificant, the guards gave a great shout and galloped hard for town, and the timber remained (and probably remains) unsold.

Given roads and immunity from bandits, Manchuria would be a sportsman's paradise. It is, some think, the original home of the tiger. It is certainly the home of the great Mongolian tiger, the largest in the world, judging by the gigantic stuffed specimens which were displayed by Chang Tso Lin in his Mukden yamen—with the idea, the malicious said, of creating the right atmosphere of ferocity. And the plains, with their rivers and swamps, are the breeding-ground of myriads of duck, geese, snipe, pheasant, and quail.

NO ANCIENT CULTURE.

It is important to remember that Manchuria is not part of China proper, and in some ways has little in common with it. There is here no ancient culture in decay. It is all as new and crude as an Oklahoma oil town, without the oil town's amenities. The Manchurian village is a huddle of clay huts surrounded by a clay wall, with a tower at each corner. The streets are unformed—a dust heap in the fierce summer heat, a bog in the rains, mercifully frozen hard in winter, and at all times unimaginably filthy.

I have suggested that Manchuria is China's land of sorrows. It is also China's land of promise. Will it see a great Chinese renaissance or pass into the hands of Japan? One can prophesy only one thing—that the present conflict can hardly last very long. Winter is approaching, the great plains will soon be under snow, and neither side will willingly keep the field when the temperature falls to 20 below zero and blizzards sweep the plains.



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WOMAN'S PAGE.

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ROUND THE SHOPS.

[By "EVE."]

I take this opportunity of extending to readers of this column my warmest greetings for Christmas and New Year. I trust that my poor efforts to give Hong Kong women, from week to week, some idea of the articles and fashions in the local shops have been of some help during 1931. I keep continually in touch with the shops and am in a position to know exactly what each has in stock, so if anyone is ever at a loss regarding what and where to buy, or if I can be of help in any way, a personal note addressed to me, c/o the *Daily Press* will have my best attention.

Lane, Crawford's. — Christmas, the season for parties and family entertaining, is again with us and there will be heaps of opportunities of displaying pretty frocks. I saw yesterday some lovely evening models which were just being unpacked at Lane, Crawford's. Long graceful lines are shown on these delightful gowns, and satin seems to be the "be all and end all" of this season's material for evening. The models are of the popular tailor-made variety, carefully cut to emphasise the graceful lines of a slender figure. Effective finishing touches are provided on a rose-coloured model in the form of tiny tinted petals used to edge the décolletage, and the double fan-shaped bow at the back, which, while not in the least a bustle, serves as a reminder that this still plays an important *rôle* in the fashion of the moment.

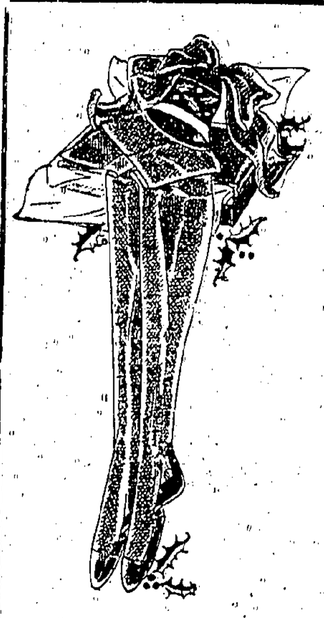
Maison Marnac.—This week some very striking evening models have arrived from Paris for Maison Marnac. Designers are still toying with the idea of the old bustle, and one notes fresh variations of the irregular neckline and the treatment of the back of an evening dress. The dress which accentuates the slim outline of the figure is still popular. Black is seen in two out of every three models, and white is challenged by bright reds and greens. Some of the prettiest dresses are made of panne velvet, one example in this material being in a bright green. The graceful lines and cut in the gown speak for themselves and show the exquisite workmanship. In one of the Paris copies, the smart little complimentary coat is trimmed with white fur.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. If you want to give yourself a Christmas present, you cannot do better than get one of those delightful "Tea Dance" hats or one of the new silver metallic hats that are to be worn for the evening these days, and which have just been unpacked at that home of elegance—the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. The new models are really most exquisite and wholly entrancing—they have to be seen to be fully appreciated. This is especially true of the new evening turbans in black and silver which are certains to be seen this season in all the local ball-rooms as they give the last touch of *chic* to the present lovely evening frocks. If you want to look the last word in elegance during the Xmas and New Year festivities, pay a visit without delay to the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.

Gordon's.—Here we are the day before Christmas, and I'm sure most of us have still some shopping to do as the problem of what to give is often a hard one. "Give something useful" is the best advice, and it is more than ever the wisest course to adopt to-day. Underwear outfits are eminently suitable and sensible and what could be more lovely than the lovely "Van Raalte" make at Gordon's; these, as you know, are of the finest quality one can wish for. Then, of course, there are stockings—most popular, perhaps, of all gifts, not so very expensive a present, of course, and 'oh! so useful. And what girl could fail to appreciate a pair or two of "Van Raalte" stockings? Gloves, too, are most suitable and those imported by Gordon's are among the best and more fashionable in the local shops, being in all the latest designs and shades. Last but not least, comes footwear for which Gordon's have a reputation second to none and which need no introduction to Hong Kong women. The boudoir-slippers, especially, are most attractive and make a beautiful and seasonable gift.

The Caravan.—This shop, both in the Peninsula Hotel and in St. George's Building, specialises in Xmas gifts, and if you pay either of the branches a visit all your shopping troubles will be over. The Caravan's underwear make ideal gifts as also do the exquisite table linen for which this shop is justly famous. Some very beautiful articles were shown the other day; they are all convent made and the beautiful workmanship is done on the finest of linen, silk and satin, with the result that they constitute gifts which stand alone and are sure to please. All articles bought at this shop are packed in floral boxes ready to be delivered to the lucky recipient. If in doubt what to give "her," pay a visit to the Caravan.

Femina.—Those who are going to fancy dress parties during the coming festive week—and who is not?—cannot do better that pay a visit to Femina in Gloucester Building, where an amazingly beautiful and novel display of fancy dresses are on view. Many of them have already been snapped up but I was informed that new dresses can be made at very short notice. There are all sorts of attractive styles from which to choose from at very reasonable prices.



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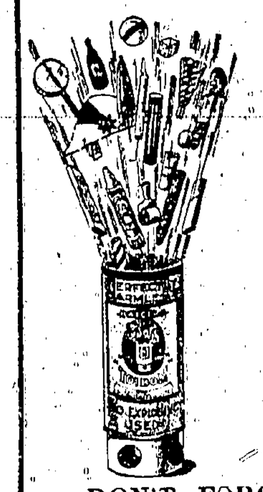

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WOMAN'S PAGE

FOR A FANCY DRESS PARTY.

A Scottish thistle is an interesting idea to carry out in making a fancy dress for a young girl. The pretty fringed purple flower forms the headdress. This is made from a skein of knitting silk in the same way that a child's woollen ball is made, only it must be on a correspondingly larger scale. The ball is then attached to a closely-fitting cap of green quilted material.

The dress is of green taffeta. The little close-fitting bodice is decorated effectively with a "bertha" cut to indicate the jagged leaf of the thistle. A binding of cord at the edge gives the necessary stiffness.

The skirt is trimmed with leaves of different sizes. These may be in two shades of green.

The green satin dancing shoes are finished with dainty purple pompoms, and are worn with stockings of a paler shade. Long green mittens with a large pompom on an elastic to keep them taut, complete a very charming wee "Lass of the Thistle."

A Pansy.

A bed of pansies often looks like the upturned faces of little children, and a pansy lends itself admirably to being copied for a little girl's fancy dress.

A close-fitting green organdy bonnet has attached to it a "pansy-shaped brim turned directly off the face, and continued under the chin, thus forming a complete frame for the face. Made of velvet in shades of a deep purple or yellow, this headdress is wonderfully becoming.

The dress, cut long and straight to represent the stem, is made of green organdy.

Pale green satin sandals tastefully decorated with hand-embroidered pansies, complete the costume.

Little Robin Redbreast.

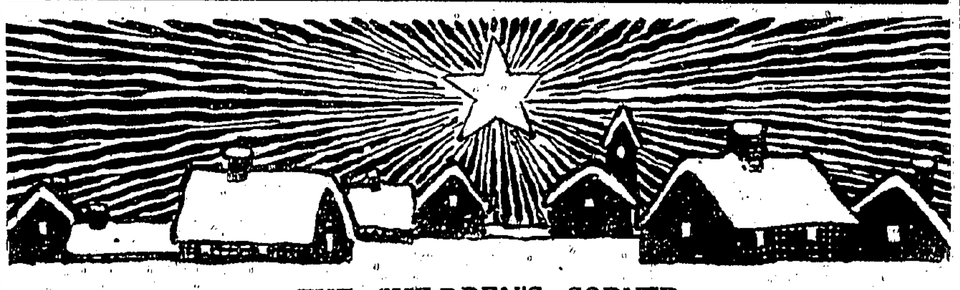
For a boy Robin Redbreast would be a happy choice. The headdress should be shaped to represent Master Robin's alert little head. The red waistcoat fastens up the back and shows no fastenings. A smart cutaway coat of brown velvet, brown trunks, and very long stockings with shoes on which the little claws are suggested in embroidery, combine to make a gay little bird.

The White Pearl.

The White Pearl is another lovely practical and inexpensive idea.

The headdress is a Juliet cap completely covered with white pearls. It is simple to make with thin wire and pearls. The eastern looking dress is of pearl-coloured satin, and is lavishly trimmed with pearls. The trousers finish with ankels of pearls, and pearls encircle the arms and neck.

For a background to all this radiance, an oyster-coloured velvet cape, attached to the shoulders, and held out when the dress is to be shown off, should complete a very lovely ensemble.



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THE SMILE OF THE SEA PRINCESS.

CHAPTER VII.

(Continued from Last Friday.)

The next moment John-dory heard one of the guests says: "See, there is the prince whom the Coral Princess is going to marry; he is not very handsome, is he? But they say that he is the richest prince in the whole of the ocean, for he rules all the Pearl Seas."

"Well," said another, "the Coral Princess is far too lovely and good for that evil-looking young Wizard, and people say that he takes after his mother."

"Hush! here they come. They will hear what we are saying."

Poor John-dory heard no more. That lovely young Princess to wed the wicked Wizard—he could not bear the thought. How he longed to tell her what kind of creature the Wizard was, and what his mother had done for his own brothers, the eleven royal mermen!

Just as he was thinking about all these things, the two guests, whom he had heard talking, began to speak again. "See," said the first, "how that ugly old witch watches them! They said she is as rich as a hundred coral forests rolled into one."

(Continued at foot of next column.)

"Yes; but how did she get her riches?," said the other. "Oh, we all know who did away with the twelve young royal mermen!"

"Now that the old king is dead, she has it all her own way," said the first. This was how poor John-dory heard that the king, his father, was now dead, and the ugly Wizard had the throne. How he longed to swim into the midst of the throng, and tell them the truth! But it was all of no use. He was but a poor John-dory, and could do nothing.

(To be Continued.)

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

WHAT TO-MORROW MEANS.

Not in a cattle stall
Should the Great King of all find fitting home;
Yet marvellous to say
In this most wondrous way
On the first Christ Day the Christ did come.

Many years ago the world had grown very, very wicked. Little boys and girls had forgotten to love God and to tell Him they were sorry when they were naughty. This made God so sad that God the Son said He would come down to earth as a tiny baby to teach boys and girls how to be good.

Now a little baby must have a mother to look after him. So God looked from Heaven and He saw one young girl who was good and pure enough to be His Mother. Her name was Mary. Mary married a man named Joseph. He was a carpenter and his workshop was in Nazareth. One day, as Mary was saying her prayers, Gabriel, a very beautiful angel, came to her, and told her that God loved her so much that He had chosen her to be the mother of His little Son, who should be called Jesus.

Now, at this time, the King of the country said that every man, woman and child must go to the town or village, where they were born, to write their names in a big book. So Joseph and Mary set out one dark, cold winter's day to walk the many miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the village where Joseph was born.

They arrived at Bethlehem long past bed-time and tired, to find that the inn was full, and nobody would be bothered with such poor people as Mary and Joseph. They found a stable just outside the village where they might rest for the night. In this poor stable the Little Babe was born. Mary took Him up in her arms and, wrapping clothes around Him, made a cradle for Him in the manger, the place where food for the ox and the ass was kept.

This was the first birthday of Jesus which happened 1931 years ago and which we celebrate to-morrow, Christmas Day—which means the Birth of Christ which is Jesus' other name."

WHY HANDKERCHIEFS ARE SQUARE.

All your gay little handkerchiefs are square, are they not? The same thing is true of mother's larger ones and daddy's great big handkerchief. How does it happen that handkerchiefs are all the same shape?

Long, long ago these bits of cloth were cut into all kinds of shapes. People had round handkerchiefs, three-cornered and oblong ones. There was no fixed way of making them and everyone chose the shape he or she liked best.

One day a beautiful French queen was looking at the differently shaped handkerchiefs. The idea occurred to her that it would be neater and more convenient if handkerchiefs were all cut square. She spoke to the king about it and he issued an order decreeing that hereafter the length of handkerchiefs should equal their width, and this became the custom in other countries also.

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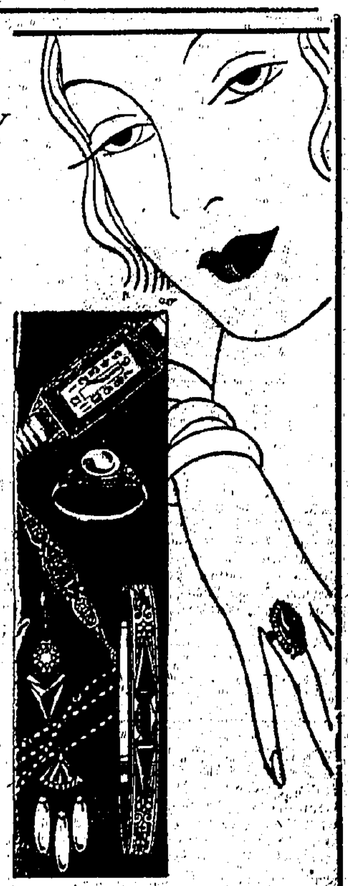

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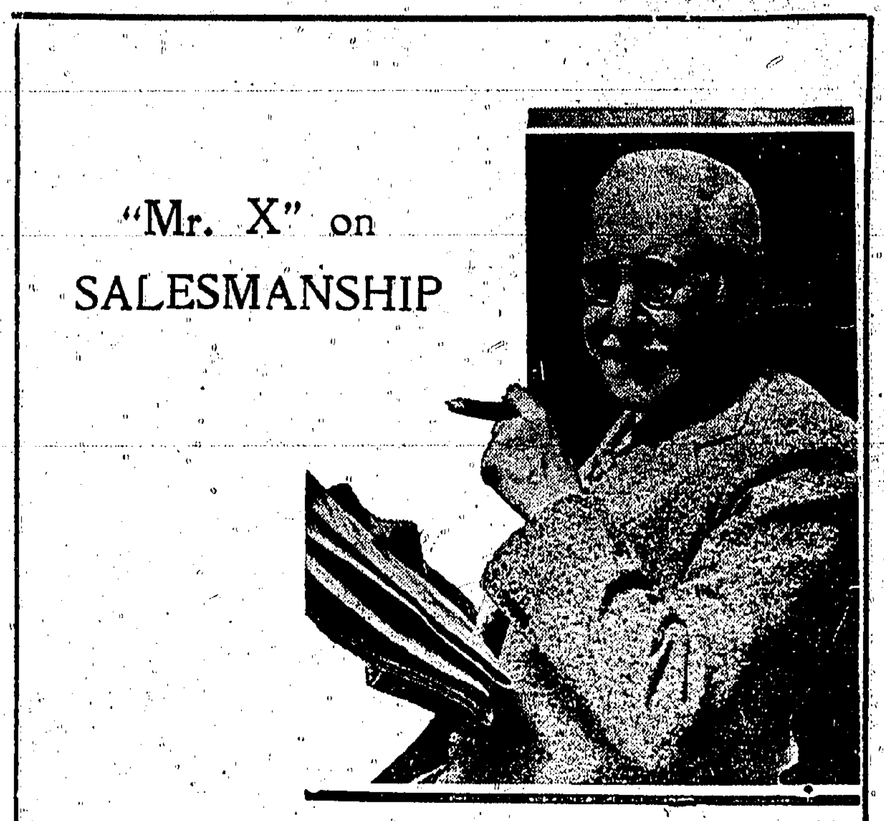

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KING AND BENTLEY MINE DISASTER.

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The Mayor of Doncaster, Councillor Arthur Thomson, has received the following telegram:

"I am commanded to inform you that his Majesty wishes to give £100 and the Queen £50 to the fund which you are raising on behalf of the families affected by the Bentley Colliery disaster. Cheque follows. —Frederick Ponsonby."

The men at the Yorkshire collieries have been asked by their leaders to make a contribution of about £5,000 to the fund for the families of the victims. At least £40,000 will be required to alleviate the distress.

Death Roll Now 43.

Another miner, injured in the Bentley colliery disaster has died in hospital, at Doncaster bringing the death roll up to 43.

The victims will be buried in one grave in Arksey Cemetery to-day.

DEBT PAYMENTS IN SILVER.

PROPOSAL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS.

MORATORIUM NOT YET RATIFIED.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Clarence C. Dill, Republican of the State of Washington, to-day introduced into the United States Senate a bill providing that other nations would be authorized to pay their war debts to the United States in silver provided that the debtors establish silver as money.

A similar measure without specifying that silver be used as money was introduced into the Senate last week by Senator Reed Smoot, Republican of Utah and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

To-day, Senator Dill attacked Senator Smoot's proposal, declaring that, without specifying the payment of silver as money to meet foreign war debt obligations to the United States the Smoot bill would mean simply that America would be the dumping ground for surplus world bar silver stocks.

It is not expected that the Senate will take action on either the Dill or Smoot measures for some time in view of the pressure of other business.

Meanwhile, Congress has not acted to ratify the one year Hoover war debts and reparations moratorium. Democratic leaders to-day decided that the Democratic members of both the Senate and House of Representatives may vote without regard to partisan considerations when confirmation of the moratorium comes up for a vote. To-day foreign nations had war debts totalling G.$125,000,000 due to the United States but despite the fact that the moratorium has not been ratified no payments were collected under the terms of an agreement entered into by the State Department and the Department of the Treasury. The Treasury has assured foreign Governments that their failure to pay to America their war debt installments due to-day will subject them to no just criticism even if Congress does not ratify the moratorium. It was explained to the foreign Governments that special conditions prevailing in the American Congress have created the existing situation.

DYING MOTHER AND SON.

PRINCE'S SYMPATHY WITH SUFFERING.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nov. 15.—The action of the Prince of Wales in obtaining leave for a soldier to come home from Egypt to see his dying mother was related by Dr. Gordon Robinson, now of Tow Law, Co. Durham, and formerly of Witney, Oxon.

The woman, Mrs. Frens, who was fatally ill, lived at Minster Lovell, said Dr. Robinson, and her son was in the Tank Corps in Egypt. Wishing to see him before she died, she wrote to the War Office, the Prime Minister, and lastly to the Prince of Wales.

A reply was received from the Prince's private secretary, stating that he was afraid his Royal Highness could not intervene. Some months elapsed and the mother was gradually sinking, when the news came of the King's illness and of the Prince being summoned to his father's bedside.

"Probably," Dr. Robinson observed, "that circumstance recalled the circumstance of the Oxfordshire mother and her son in Egypt. At any rate, another letter arrived soon afterwards from St. James's Palace, the soldier was brought home, and mother and son united before the end came."

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"Her Man" with Helen Twelvetrees, Philip Holmes.
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King's.
"Grumpy."
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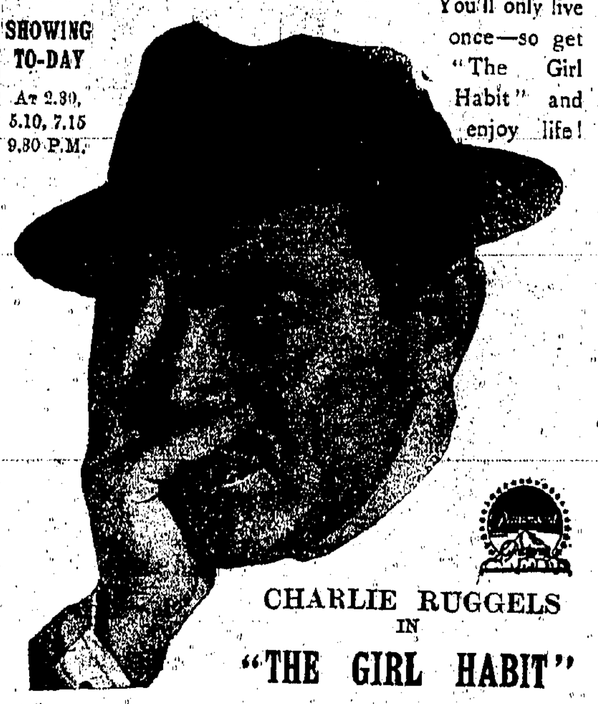

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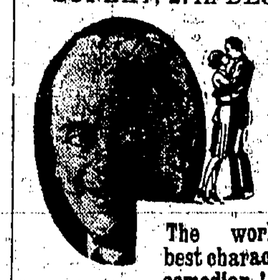

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MOVIE NEWS

ON THE SCREEN IN HONG KONG.

CHARLES RUGGLES IN HOT WATER.

REAL GOOD FUN IN "THE GIRL HABIT."

Mr. Ruggles has a big following among those who take their amusement on the talking screen, and he will add thousands to his admirers thanks to "The Girl Habit."

This picture shown at the King's Theatre yesterday, and caused audiences there to laugh as Hong Kong audiences seldom laugh.

Our hero is seen as a wealthy bachelor-about-town whose attentive habits where girls are concerned bounce back at him when he gives up the chase of all girls and centers his devotion on Sue Conroy, society debutante, to whom he becomes engaged.

The preparations for their marriage are blighted by the appearance of an ex-flame with a bundle of old love-letters from Charlie. At first she threatens to blackmail him, but later relents, promising to hand over the damaging epistles if he will come to her apartment. When he arrives there he is discovered by her jealous husband—a tough gangster, who swears he will "get" Charlie.

The ensuing events keep Charlie in a prolonged state of "hot water." He must dodge the gangster; keep the ex-flame out of sight, and prevent his fiancee and her mother from discovering his plight.

He finally has to get himself arrested to elude the pursuing gangster and his mob. But even in jail his troubles continue for the old "girl habit" crops up again; he is attentive to the warden's wife—and his prospective mother-in-law, as chairman of a prison reform committee, finds him in a seemingly compromising position when she visits the institution.

But the tangles are untangled in the end, to the accompaniment of roars of hilarity.

Donald Meek, as Ruggles' manservant heads the support. Tamara Geva, famous as the star dancer of "Three's a Crowd," on the New York stage, makes her debut as the ex-sweetheart.

"TEXAN" THRILLS.

FINE FILM AT CENTRAL THEATRE.

Five hundred dollars is what the Llano Kid was worth to the people of Texas back in 1885, dead or alive. He's alive at the Central Theatre and he's worth a whole lot more than that in entertainment. There are more thrills with Gary Cooper, as the Llano Kid, in "The Texan," than there were even in the great Western outdoor spectacle romance, "The Virginian." And that's saying a lot.

"The Texans," which opened at the Central Theatre last night, and will continue showing to-day and to-morrow, is Paramount's companion picture to "The Virginian." Again Cooper brings to life the spirit of the plainsmen pioneers, this time in a fine action drama which takes him from the rolling plains of Texas to the impressive pampas of South America.

Fay Wray is the girl who captures Cooper's heart in this strange love-story. Cooper, a Texas badman, enters into a pact to pose as the long lost son of a wealthy South American woman. At the sumptuous hacienda, he wins the heart of the woman's lovely niece, and is accepted as the son of the house. His new interests awaken his better instincts, and he fights to escape his nefarious bargain.

Emma Dunn, as the wealthy senora, gives a moving performance in a really great role. O. Henry wrote the original story which Paramount has made into a truly worthwhile moving picture, and the turns of comedy, drama, humour, pathos and romance make up a really varied entertainment with a strangely moving plot.

CYRIL MAUDE'S RETURN.

DELIGHTED TO PLAY "GRUMPY."

His enthusiasm for talking pictures has brought Cyril Maude, out of retirement.

Four years ago Maude retired from the stage after having starred in more than 100 plays and settled down to live quietly in London. But only three months ago he was in Hollywood acting again in the *rôle* that he played 1300 times in three continents—the famous character, Grumpy. The picture, "Grumpy," comes to the King's Theatre shortly.

When interviewed in Hollywood about his return Cyril Maude declared that he was a convert to the talking screen.

"Talking pictures," he asserted, "have such amazing possibilities that I wanted to have a part in them. The stage or the silent screen never could have induced me to give up the retirement I had planned so long and was enjoying so thoroughly.

"I have watched with admiring wonder the accomplishments of the audible screen and the swift strides made in the development of the new medium. The time came when I no longer wished to remain a spectator. Jesse L. Lasky asked me to come to America and play the part of "Grumpy"—and here I am."

Maude made his stage debut in 1884 in Denver, Col., while he was visiting in America to recover from a youthful illness. During his long career he has appeared in command performances before the late King Edward VII. and before King George V.

"DAWN PATROL" PRIZE STORY FOR BARTHELMESS.

"The Dawn Patrol," the First National - Vitaphone production starring Richard Barthelmess which comes to the Queen's Theatre next Sunday was sought by every major studio in Hollywood, but Howard Hawks, who directed it, controlled the rights to the story and he was determined that Barthelmess was the only actor in Hollywood who could play the *rôle* of Courtney. Barthelmess was in Europe at the time Hawks brought his story written by John Monk Saunders to First National-Vitapone. Cables and messages finally got Barthelmess' consent and the present superlative production is the result.

GOSSIP AND FACT.

Chaplin in London.

Charlie Chaplin has not been seen much at the theatre during his London holiday, but he went to the Lyceum, where the melodrama "Sensation" is being played. The curious thing was that eight seats away from him, and quite by chance, sat Fred Karno, the manager who gave him his first job. In an interval the two got together and had a talk about old times.

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Mae Murray.

Miss Mae Murray, the exotic darling of the silent days, who lazed about in daring negligées and passionate poses, stars in "High Stakes" as the wife of Richard Lennon, the unhappy business man. He calls her "My baby" and she calls him "her Daddy," and allows himself to be slain by her pouting mouth, girlish gush and staring eyes. But she quite forgets to tell him that she was married ten years ago and is ten years older than he thinks she is. It is Joe Lennon, Richard's brother, who tells him this, and it is Mr. Lowell Sherman, as Joe, who gives an outrageous charm to the picture. You see him as the intoxicated playwright who never quite writes a play and yet has a real love of human nature and wants to do good. He gets his brother out of the mess and marries his (the brother's) secretary. "High Stakes" is worth seeing on his account, but scarcely on any other. Mr. Sherman is a superb comedian, and a real wag. He keeps things humming while Mae Murray is yearning for her popsy-wopsy, and wearing the series of sensational frocks and the look of muzzy despair which made her famous in pre-talkie days.

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When Madeleine Married.

"Before I gave up my part in 'After All' and went abroad," said Madeleine Carroll, "I was on the verge of a bad nervous breakdown. You see, I had been wearing myself out by trying to do too much work, and then by going on, practically every night, to suppers and cocktail parties and dances—even when I had been filming all day before the evening performance at the theatre. But I changed all that by getting married.

"And now," went on Madeleine, with the happiest smile, "I have given up film work entirely, and a quiet supper at home with my husband is my idea of real enjoyment.

"My favourite rehearsal lunch has been a cup of clear soup with a glass of sherry in it, and then a 'steak minute.' It is quick, light and satisfying, and I can thoroughly recommend it."

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Cyril McLaglen—Animal Tamer.

Cyril McLaglen has a way with animals which has served him in good stead during the shooting of scenes for "The Verdict of the Sea," which Frank Miller is directing at Elstree. Although obviously a well-fed healthy young monkey, Joey, who has a part in the film, developed ostrich-like tendencies and showed a distinct appetite for a collection of diamonds which reposed in a velvet black bag. Between shots Joey discovered that the black bag contained diamonds, and henceforth he fell completely under their spell. As both he and the diamonds were to appear in the film—Joey on one side of a ship's cabin and the diamonds on a table at the other side—the problem of separating them was beyond the ingenuity of the unit.

MAKING FAME AS A "SILLY ASS."

LUCK OF A HOLLYWOOD TEST.

It needs a level head to play the "silly ass."

When Claud Allister strolled hopefully out of a touring company at Los Angeles and went to have a film test, because that was the regular line of adventure for actors who came near Hollywood, he had no thought of specialising in these parts.

In point of fact, the film test nearly went wrong through a misunderstanding. It was "Bulldog Drummond" that started the film companies in pursuit of him as a "silly ass."

When he was asked if he knew this play he remarked modestly that he was in the London company. Rather hesitantly, in view of the circumstances, he confessed that he had played the only American character.

After the laughter had subsided he accepted the part of "Algy." Then he became marked, more or less, as the typical exponent of the languid Englishman.

He made the proper obeisances to fortune, but took every chance to get away from "type" acting.

In his latest picture he plays valet to Slim Summerville, the tall comedian, in a story which presents Mr. Summerville, more ambitiously than in any earlier films, as a rough farmer who becomes enormously wealthy through striking oil.

Child Actor's 3 Hours a Day.

A four-year-old child is an important figure in the picture, and children in Hollywood are not allowed to work more than three hours a day.

With Claud Allister fretting about train and ocean time-tables, this little one fell ill and then, having recovered, proved temperamental at awkward moments. Ultimately he had to dash for the train for England in full make-up.

"Before 'Bulldog Drummond,'" Mr. Allister, says "I'd never worn an eyeglass in my life."

Zasu Pitts is in the Slim Summerville picture (which, at the moment, has only the working title of "Pudge") and the concluding "shots" were taken in Miss Pitts' garden.

She lives next door to Greta Garbo, and so the "Pudge" company were able to watch Miss Garbo playing tennis.

Greta Garbo.

"She seemed quite a normal young woman to me," said Mr. Allister, "She would wave her racquet at us and call 'Hello!' We called 'Hello!' back at her, and she went on playing without any hint of aloofness."

A personal view of the famous Greta from the director's angle was given me by Mr. Fred Niblo, who is to direct "Two White Arms" at Wembley.

Studio Mannerisms.

When he told her what he wanted at rehearsals she would turn away suddenly, apparently glowering and sulky. Again, she would simply walk through her part at rehearsals—never acting.

Mr. Niblo, hoping it was seriousness and not temperament, did not try to force her; and always, when it came to the real scene, she rewarded him amply.

"What appeared to be sulkiness," he said, "was really deep concentration. She was listening all the time."

"SPORTING BLOOD."

RACING DRAMA AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Sporting Blood," now showing at the Queen's Theatre is in reality a revelation of the schemes and methods used by gamblers on the race-track. The story deals with the career of a racehorse, Toomy Boy, who at the height of its fame, was passed from owner to owner until it fell into the hands of a gambler's "moll" and her lover, a gambling dealer. Their efforts to rehabilitate the broken horse open up to the audience an entire panorama of racing, which includes the dramatic incidents of the Kentucky Derby, the discovery by the girl that a crooked jockey has been placed on her horse, her frustration of the plot, and the vivid scenes in a gambling hall.

Clark Gable, whose rapid rise to film stardom has been the sensation of the year, and Madge Evans play the lovers, while Ernest Torrence, Lew Cody and Farrel Macdonald help to make the picture an enjoyable entertainment.

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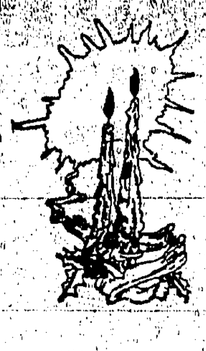

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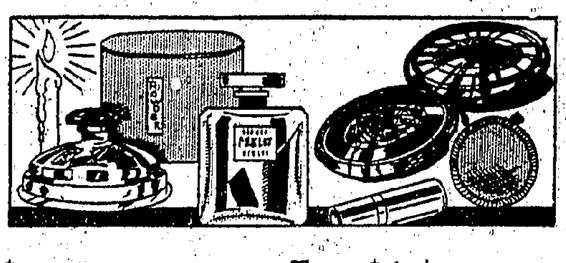

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RUSSIAN DEBTS TO BRITAIN.

QUESTION ASKED IN PARLIAMENT.

SOVIET ENVOY UNABLE TO MAKE ANY OFFER.

London, Dec. 11.—The thorny subject of Russian debts, credits and propaganda is being taken up by the British Government with the Soviet authorities.

This was made clear by Captain Anthony Eden, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons to-day. He stated that the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, saw the Soviet Ambassador yesterday and reminded him of the situation in which the subject of Russian debts, credits and propaganda had been left last July.

The Soviet Ambassador, he added, was unable to make any definite offer or a proposal likely to lead to a satisfactory settlement.

The subject of Russian debts has cropped up twice in the House of Commons in the past three days. On Monday the Foreign Secretary was asked whether the Government was prepared to invite a conference to consider the question of debts, credits and propaganda and to take the necessary joint action. Sir John Simon, however, bluntly refused, saying that the Government did not contemplate any "such action."

XMAS GREETINGS OVER RADIO.

QUEEN WILHELMINA TO BROADCAST ADDRESS.

The Hague, December 15.—It is learned, to-day that Queen Wilhelmina of Holland will broadcast Christmas greetings to her people this year.

It will be recalled that in the dark days of 1914 Queen Wilhelmina's greetings were printed in the newspapers and sold separately as Christmas cards.

HERMIT OF THE MENDIPS.

MAN'S LONELY LIFE IN THE HILLS

Praying, writing religious books in Latin, making his own clothes, growing vegetables, eating vegetarian diet, and drinking boiled rain-water are the daily round of the Hermit of the Mendips, near Compton Martin, Somerset. Brother Malachi—the name he has given himself— looks in the pink of health as he strolls along the lanes with his brown cassock flapping around his legs.

Over six feet in height, bearded, with curly uncut hair peeping out under his cowl, and carrying a sturdy thumb-stick of ground elm, he looks capable of taking care of himself in his lonely retreat on the windswept top of the Mendip Hills highest point.

He was born in Ireland 40 years ago and after his education at Ripon and Cheltenham grammer schools, and Pembroke College, Oxford, he became so interested in religion that he visited Spain to study modern monastery life. Five years were spent tending pine trees and growing vegetables in a Carmelite monastery. Then a little disagreement with the prior, who seemed to think that Brother Malachi should become a regular monk, led him to return to England.

No Love Affair.

"Neither extreme religious fervour nor an unfortunate love affair started my career as a hermit. I am Irish and perhaps you will think that is the best explanation," said the hermit. "It was really my careful study of the histories of ancient hermits.

"I thought that if they could live as hermits in the early days of Christianity, there was no reason why I could not do the same in the twentieth century."

Brother Malachi lives in a one-roomed hut lined with religious books, and he reads and speaks no fewer than eight languages.

LOVE STORY OF YOUNG PRINCE.

HIS MARRIAGE TO A COMMONER.

KING CAROL ANNULS THE UNION.

Budapest, Nov. 16.—The full story of the secret marriage of Prince Nicholas of Roumania, published in Vienna, but unconvincingly denied by the official Roumanian news agency, is given in a slightly different form to-day in the Hungarian newspaper "A Reggel."

"A Reggel" says Prince Nicholas met his bride five years ago. She immediately obtained a divorce from her husband, Mr. Radu Saveanu, and took the name of Mme. Dolette. M. Saveanu was transferred from the Bucharest Foreign Office to a legation abroad on account of frequent threats to shoot Prince Nicholas. For the last five years the Prince spent all his free time at Mme. Dolette's house in Bucharest. The birth of a child consolidated his determination to marry the lady.

To overcome King Carol's objection to her lowly origin, Prince Nicholas vainly endeavoured to obtain from the Vatican the title of Papal Count for Mme. Dolette's father, M. Mumitrescu. Finally, on November 7, both motored to the village of Tohan and ordered the registrar to celebrate their marriage. Two passing peasants were made witnesses.

Court's Decree Ignored.

When King Carol heard of the marriage, he immediately had the records seized, brought to Bucharest, and submitted to the High Court of Justice with a view to the marriage being declared invalid. The Court annulled it on the grounds that the King's consent had not been obtained and that the marriage was not registered personally by the Minister of Justice.

Prince Nicholas refuses to recognise this decree and is living with Mme. Dolette, whom he regards as his legal wife.

This version that the marriage was annulled next day would suggest that both the original report that the ceremony had been performed and the official dementi are correct, since the Court declared that the marriage was no marriage.

Princess Ileana to Mediate.

Another Hungarian newspaper, the "Magyar Orszag," publishes yet another version of the Prince's morganatic marriage. According to this Queen Marie's present visit to Princess Ileana von Habsburg in Germany had the purpose of persuading Ileana, who has great influence over both her brothers, to intervene and settle the conflict between them due to the marriage. The Princess has consented, and is expected at Bucharest within a few days.

The "Magyar Orszag" adds that while Prince Nicholas was Regent a few years ago he issued orders for the arrest of M. Saveanu in consequence of his threats against the Prince's life. While Nicholas was visiting Carol in exile in Paris, however, the latter persuaded him to rescind the order. The Prince promised not to marry Mme. Saveanu.

THE "PEARL" BIBLE AUCTIONED.

SPECIAL MUTILATED EDITION SOLD IN LONDON

London, Dec. 16. A historic Bible which scandalised earlier generations was sold by auction in London to-day for sixty-five shillings.

It is known as the "Pearl" Bible and contains malicious inaccuracies inserted by Cromwell's printer in 1653 for a bribe of £1,500.

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HOW WE DINED OUT TO HEAR THE ELECTION RESULTS.

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7TH ENGLISH NEWS LETTER TO HELENA FROM JOCASTA.

Election-day has come and gone my dear Helena, so all is well with England again,—or at any rate "as well as can be expected" as the Doctor would say! Even optimists were amazed at the tremendous majority gained by the Nationalist Government. The "Flight from the Pound" which is so much talked about is nothing, compared to this "Flight from Communism." Our dear old British Public has shewn its sound common sense once more and it will be a long time before the Reds get a chance to meddle in public affairs again. How thrilled we were on Election-night when the good news came over the air. Most people got the "herd-instinct" to a marked degree and felt they simply could not stay at home, so the big restaurants were packed with anxious voters, who came to dine and listen-in to the Election results. You should have heard the thunders of applause which greeted each Red defeat and Nationalist victory. There has not been anything so sensational since the first Armistice Night. So good luck go with our new Government!

That Income-tax Rumour.

All sorts of rumours are floating about. One is too good to keep to myself though I fear it is likewise too good to be true, viz., that income-tax will have to be reduced! A very sound paper (none other than the *Evening Standard*) badly declares that "Immediate relief must be given to payers of income-tax, many of whom will be unable to meet the demands of the last budget,—the income-tax *must* be reduced to three shillings in the pound."

How's that for plain speaking Helena my dear? It would be wonderful news to people out East who have to retire on tiny pensions. It would mean that they might hope to live in England again, instead of dragging out a melancholy existance at cheap continental resorts. Never tell me that British people really desire to end their days on the Riviera, because I simply do not believe it. These terrible taxes have been crushing the heart out of our race: the Politician who is clever enough to reduce them will be hailed as the greatest hero known to the British Isles since Saint George slew the Dragon.

That New Corsage: "Simply Disgraceful!"

Dear me!—politics again! But you see politics are the fashion at present and have ousted all other interests for the moment. Even the news that the Victorian bustle may re-appear leaves us cold. Who cares if it does? Fashions have been so ugly this year that one atrocity more or less makes no difference. I should like to tell you about the latest "corsage" for evening wear, but fear the Editor might be shocked and drive his blue pencil through my description (it is so difficult to put things *nicely* in English) but the pictures in any of *Jane Austin's* books will tell you what I mean since it is merely an old fashion revived. I went to a big Mannequin Parade last week *and heard two dear old ladies* discussing the matter with their corquettes focussed on a beautiful blonde who was looking her best in this new corsage. "Simply disgraceful," said one dear old thing to the other, but as a matter of fact it is quite a pretty fashion and worthy of revival.

As for necklaces,—there is no end to them, and they are larger and more bizarre than ever. It is strange how this fashion persists; and that although they are all marvelously cheap people still do not mind wearing them. I hear they are chiefly made in Czecho-Slovakia and are being dumped in huge quantities before the tariff comes to stop luxury imports.

In this case it may soon be unpatriotic to wear them,—so let us be gay and have one to match every dress while yet we may!

Cavalcade!

I went to *Drury Lane* to see *Noel Coward's* wonderful drama "*Cavalcade*" and found that getting seats at short notice was no easy matter since that great barn of a place is packed each night for this great spectacle. Yes,—one must admit that it is a marvelous production and that *Noel Coward* is a genius to have conceived the idea, and a brave man to have dared to produce it in London. People call him a cynic and perhaps it is true: but he sees straighter than any other living writer and is not afraid of truth. In this pageant of England he shews us our Grandfathers, our Fathers, and Ourselves as others see us. It is the most depressing play I have ever seen and yet it stirs one strangely to fire in imagination through all the great events which have built our Empire since the days when Victoria was Queen. He spares us nothing of wasted lives and wasted ideals and his climax in the last scene is a nightmare of Jazz on New Year's Eve, 1930. A modern night-club with its dancers, and a beautiful weary platinum-blonde singing that macabre and dreadful "20th Century Blues,"—then Communists, fanatics, wireless-announcers and negro saxaphonists flicker and flash through the searchlights in a kaleidoscope of noise and confusion until at last the limelight steadies on to the old silver-haired couple who have lived and loved through all the turmoil of the last half-century—and the curtain goes down on that pathetic and soul-stirring toast, that England may regain once more her "Greatness, dignity and peace." Yes I am glad I have seen Cavalcade—but I don't want to see it again until that wish (voiced so beautifully by Miss Mary Clair) has been fulfilled.

Hunting Starts Again.

Monday last was the beginning of the Hunting Season and so we found ourselves at the first Meet of the East Kent Foxhounds. The air was crisp, the sky was blue and the trees looked gorgeous in every shade of copper and gold. The event attracted all the enthusiasts of the district and there were lots of pretty girls to be seen. Most of them looked trim in the usual well cut breeches but you may be interested to know that quite a number wore riding-habits and rode side-saddle: can it be that Princess Mary is responsible for reviving that graceful fashion? The men all looked too attractive for their scarlet coats are always so immaculate at the Opening Meet before the wear and tear of the season has dimmed their brightness (and there is rather a lot of *tear* in this part of the country!) Politics may worry us, fashions may distress us and the rigors of an English summer may chill us to the bone, but I am sure there is nothing in the world so lovely as a sunny autumn morning with a blue haze beneath the trees, leaves which crackle underfoot, the first sharp tang of frost in the air; sleek horses, eager hounds and a gay crowd all keen as mustard at the thought of a glorious gallop across country!

Good-bye dear Helena: I am off and away in the morning and my next letter will be written in *Paris*.

Ever your,
JOCASTA.

WOMAN FOUND SHOT IN CABIN.

LINER TRAGEDY MYSTERY.

When the R.M.S.P. liner Asturias (22,071 tons) arrived at Southampton from South America a woman whose name appeared on the passenger list as Miss Phoebe Sorel was hurried to a nursing home in Southampton for an operation. She was later reported to be in a critical condition.

It is understood that Miss Sorel, who was a first-class passenger, was found shot in her cabin when the vessel was off Cherbourg between midnight and one a.m.

It is stated that she went to the officers' quarters on board about 12.30 a.m. and asked to be allowed to speak to one of the officers. Owing to the lateness of the hour she was advised to return to her cabin.

Not long afterwards a shot was heard, and the woman was found in her cabin with a wound in the stomach. A pistol was found in the cabin.

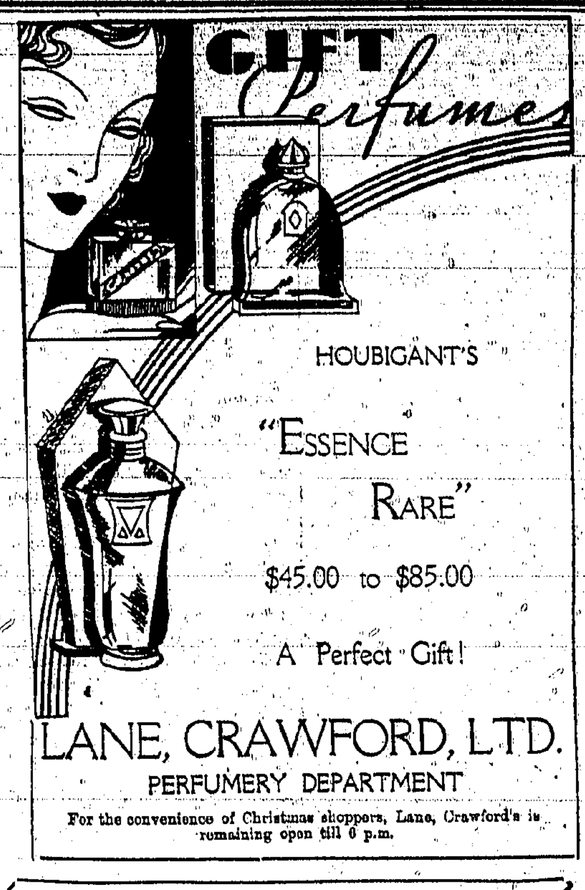
Miss Sorel, who is believed to be of foreign nationality, is stated to have travelled extensively and to have made other voyages in the same ship. Her age is given as about 35.

ROTARY IN CANTON.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING.

At its first regular meeting, which was held at the Hotel Asia on Tuesday, Dr. S. F. Chien, President of the Canton Rotary Club, announced Mr. Y. M. Lin as Treasurer and Mr. A. E. Quin as Secretary. Dr. Chien also announced that the name of Mr. Samuel Wong as a charter member should replace that of Mr. C. C. Lee as previously reported.

It was voted that the meetings for the next month should be held on one of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's vessels at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.



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LADIES' SECTION FOR Y.M.C.A.

LAST STRONGHOLD OF BACHELORS STORMED.

TEA DANCES AND BRIDGE DRIVES.

Members of the Hong Kong European Y.M.C.A. will received with mixed feelings the announcement made by the Board of Directors that a ladies' section of the Association is to be formed when the new West Wing of the building is opened in February next.

The swimming bath and social hall, both of which will be situated in the new West Wing, will be open to the ladies, while it is understood also that tea dances and bridge drives will be organised for their benefit. The ladies will also be permitted to use the squash raquets court each morning, except Sundays, from 10 a.m. until noon.

The Arrangements.

The Directors have already drawn up the following schedule of arrangements covering the use by the ladies of the bath, squash racquet courts and new west lounge:—

Use of the swimming bath on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Use of the squash racquet courts on each morning excepting Sundays from 10 to 12.

Use of the west lounge every morning from 10 to 12 and in the afternoons from 3 to 6.30, excepting on certain occasions when the Hall may be required for special purposes.

It is proposed to arrange for light refreshments to be obtained in the mornings and teas in the afternoon, while it is also hoped to hold bridge parties and dances.

The fee will be $2.50 monthly, payable in advance.

Mixed Bathing!

A fixed schedule of charges governing the use of the swimming bath for the first year has also been drawn up by the Directors, which provides for the admission of members, visitors, ladies and children, and the Services. Mixed bathing is to be allowed at certain times.

The newly-appointed Sports Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. E. F. Selk, is in charge of the swimming section, and is intending to give swimming lessons to any members who may feel inclined to take them.

The new wing will definitely be opened by H.E. the Governor Sir William Peel) on Tuesday, February 2.

THEFTS FROM Y.M.C.A.

SOLDIER SENTENCED TO HARD LABOUR.

MAN WITH BAD RECORD.

Private Arthur Price of the South Wales Borderers was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labour in connection with the theft of a dinner suit, an overcoat, a pair of boots and a necktie, the property of Mr. T. A. Ellis, residing at the European Y.M.C.A.

Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, stated that the defendant was in the habit of taking night beds at the European Y.M.C.A. One day, defendant said he had contracted a cold in the chest, and complainant thereupon lent him an overcoat. Later, complainant found that some of his clothing had been stolen from his room. He informed the police and when they made enquiries at the Y.M.C.A. they found defendant wearing a tie which had been stolen. On being questioned, defendant admitted the theft and took the police to two pawn-shops, where a dinner suit and the overcoat were recovered, the former having been pawned for $8 on the 15th instant, and the latter for $15 on the 20th instant.

Just Released from Gaol.

Defendant on being questioned said he had nothing to say.

A military officer who was in Court, when asked by his Worship, said the defendant was not a good soldier and he was unable to say anything in his favour.

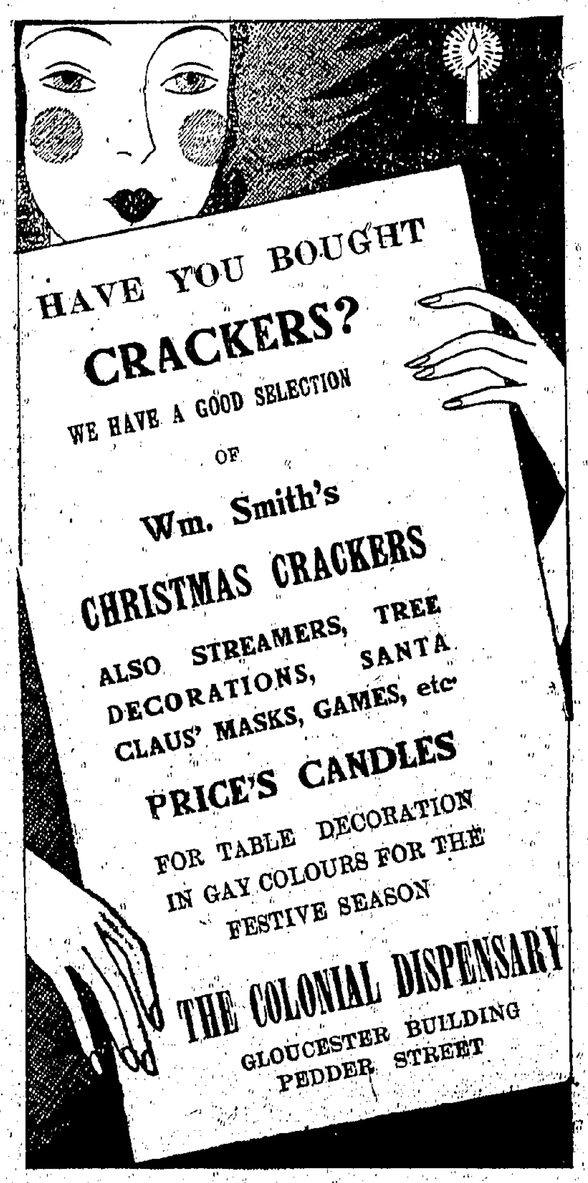
For the police, Inspector Elston said defendant was one of two men charged in September last for assault and stealing a ride in a motor car, and he had just completed a sentence of two months. He deserted from his regiment on December 2 and since then had been associating with Russians. He gave false names when he pawned the dinner suit and the overcoat.

His Worship: It is incredible that he could have lived at the Y.M.C.A. without anybody knowing who he was.

Military Officer: It is extraordinary.

INFORMATION REQUIRED.

Information is required by his relatives in order to prove a will of John O. Connor who lived in Hong Kong between the years 1869 and 1878 with a man named Carroll, both from Wexford. He was engaged in the shipping trade between China and Japan. Any information which would enable his relatives to trace his movements would be gratefully acknowledged by them.



ROBBERY CASE.

TWO MEN ON TRIAL AT SESSIONS.

COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY.

The last case on the Criminal Sessions calendar was commenced before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) yesterday, and at the close of the day's hearing an adjournment was made over the week-end, as it was held by Judge and Counsel that there was no possibility of finishing the case in another day.

Chung King Man and Li Fat were charged with robbery, and were defended by Mr. Hin Shing Lo, while Mr. Somerset Fizroy prosecuted.

Jurors empanelled were: Messrs. N. L. H. Railton (foreman), T. Fergusson, E. W. Railton, S. T. Butlin, E. J. Spradbury, Kwan Sit Kwan and Chung O Yung.

Case Outlined.

Outlining the case, Mr. Fitzroy said that the robbery took place in a house at Kak Hang village in Kowloon City on October 16. Three men entered the house and one of them intimidated the inmates with a revolver. Two others joined the three intruders, who tied up all the inmates, and proceeded to steal things, some actually from the persons of the inmates. One of the victims would be called to say that first prisoner was one of the participants, and he would also say he recognised the second prisoner. A student, Kwok Chun, managed to free himself, and went to the Kowloon City Police Station where he made a report.

On October 16, the first prisoner was recognised in the street by the student, and was arrested. He took the police to his premises, where, on unlocking a basket, to which prisoner had the key, two pieces of jade were found. These were later identified by one of the victims.

Police investigations led to the arrest of the second prisoner, who was recognised by the student whilst being taken to the police station. On October 20 the two men were charged, and when asked if they had any statement to make, first prisoner said something to the effect that he did not know anything, and second prisoner that he had been implicated by a friend.

Student's Evidence.

Kwok Chun, the student, gave evidence of making a report of the robbery to the police and recognising the first prisoner in the street while he was walking with two Chinese constables.

Mr. Lo, in cross-examination, put it to the witness that he was told by the police constables that someone would be pointed out to him and he would be asked to see if he could recognise him as a member of the gang. Witness denied this, saying that he recognised the man himself and pointed him out to the constables.

Counsel, indicating that his defence would be that the first prisoner was produced by the constables to be identified by the witness, put a further question to the witness that the first time witness saw the prisoner was when the latter was brought into a bus on which the party proceeded to the police station. Witness denied that this was so.

At this stage the Court adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

MUI TSAI BEATEN.

MISTRESS FINED.

Before Mr. Williams at Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese woman was charged with bringing an unregistered *mui tsai* into the Colony and with ill-treating the girl.

The defendant admitted the first count, but in regard to the second she explained that she had beaten the girl because she had lost some clothing.

Inspector Fraser, prosecuting, told the Court that the girl was seen in Percival Street by a police constable. She was crying and complained of having been beaten by her mistress. She had been given to the defendant three years ago and on August 18, the woman brought her to Hong Kong.

Dr. G. H. Thomas of the Government Civil Hospital said that the girl had cane marks on both thighs, but in comparison with other cases they were not severe. She had been given a beating but not a severe one.

The *mui tsai* told the Court that she had been beaten for losing some of her mistress's clothing which had been left to dry on the hillside in Lee Yuen Street. She had forgotten to collect the clothing, which was later stolen.

His Worship, after examining the girl's bruises, held that the caning had been excessive although not severe, and fined the defendant $40 on the first count and $25 on the second.

CHORAL SERVICE AT UNION CHURCH.

THE "MESSIAH."

TO BE RENDERED ON SUNDAY EVENING.

The unsuccessful series of Italian Opera performances at the King's Theatre in 1741 was the last of Handel's theatrical management. The master musician was invited by the Duke of Devonshire (then Lord Lieutenant) to Dublin. Handel, with a view to his visit, wrote the present Oratorio. Messiah was begun on August 23, 1741, and finished in three parts on September 12, 1741. The text of the "Messiah" was selected by Charles Jennens, a gentleman of fortune of Gopsall Hall, Leicestershire. Handel arrived in Dublin on November 10, and gave public performances of six works already heard in London, and the master ventured his unnamed "Messiah" on April 13, 1742. Handel engaged Coveat Garden Theatre on March 23, 1743, for the first performance in London, announced as "A New Sacred Oratorio" but was received with indifference, and repeated only in 1745 and 1750. On May 1, 1750, it was advertised to be given at the Chapel of the Foundling Hospital, when Handel was to open the organ he had presented to the institution. Its success was then complete, and the work has since been held in highest esteem, has been more frequently performed than any other musical composition, and has always been more attractive than anything that could be selected.

The master's last public appearance and rendering of his own "Messiah" was on Friday, April 6, 1759.

The First Part of the Oratorio represents the Prophecy and the Advent of the Messiah, and speculation may prefix to this the condition of men's minds and hearts before the Messianic promise.

In the Second Part are displayed the Divine Passion and Glorification, the spread of the Gospel, the overthrow of the enemies of Christianity, and the universal reign of the "Messiah."

The Third Part delineates the Second Advent, the Resurrection of the Dead, the Deliverance of Humanity from Sin and Death, and the Heavenly Rejoicing of the Redeemed.

Tradition runs that, when the work was first given in London, intention was to omit the third part, that the "Hallelujah" Chorus, with which the whole would have concluded, was ill-sung and unacknowledged, and that Handel, in the emergency, ordered the performance of the final "Amen" Chorus, which so stirred the audience as to win partial success for the whole.

The prodigious truth remains that the great "Messiah" work was conceived and planned, and its general details accomplished, within 24 days, the end of the whole has this Memorandum: "Fine dell' Oratorio—G. F. Handel, 3 (the astronomical sign for Saturday) September 12, 1741," under which also is written: "Ausgefüllt den 14 dieses," the last referring to the master's habit of writing first a skeleton of his entire work, consisting of the voice parts with perhaps a bass, and afterwards filling in the rest of the score.

G.E.L.

HAVE YOU DECIDED ON THE MONTH'S BEST ADVERTISEMENT YET

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There are some interesting new advertisements in to-day's paper which you ought to see for the $50.00 competition."

LORRY RUNS OVER PRAYA WALL.

DRIVER AND FRIEND ESCAPE UNHURT.

A Ford lorry ran over the Praya wall into the harbour near French Street in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The mishap occurred when the driver swerved sharply to avoid a night-soil coolie who ran in front of the vehicle.

The driver and another man, who was sitting beside him, when the lorry toppled over the sea-wall, both managed to scramble out of the lorry without being injured.

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

The market opened yesterday morning with a livelier tone and a general demand for a number of stocks. Advances were established in Trams, Hotels, Lands, Cements, Ropes and China Lights.

Sales.

Cements (combined), $19.30.
Hotels (new), $14.85.
Realties, $11.70.

Buyers.

Douglases, $25.
Wharves, $153.
Hotels (old), $15.30.
Hotels (new), $14½.
Lands, $80½.
Ewos, Tls. 15.40.
China Lights, $27½.
Telephones (part paid), $28½.
Hong Kong Ropes, $17½.
Dairy Farms, $28½.
Amusements, $19.90.
Raubs, $40½.
Providents (old), $5.20.
Providents (new), $2.35.
Chinese Estates, $95
Trams, $21.30.
Hong Kong Electrics, $77½.
Cements (combined), $19½.
Cements (old), $12½.
Watsons, $16.
Constructions (old), $3.55.
Constructions (new), 1.90.

Sellers.

Banks, $1,500.
Cements (combined), $19.40.

GULLIBLE CHINESE WOMAN.

INVESTS $150 WITH FORTUNE TELLER.

ALLEGED PROMISE OF 3,000 PER CENT.

An investment yielding an interest of approximately three thousand per cent. per annum was offered a gullible woman by a Chinese fortune teller in Yaumati, if the story of the prosecution in the case in which the man is being charged with obtaining money by trick is to be believed.

He is alleged to have perpetrated the trick known among Chinese as "Planting the Silver Tree," (Chung Gnan Shu), which involves planting the money of the person to be tricked in a pot, and telling him or her to return in a few days, when the money will have grown into a large sum. By that time, of course, both the money and the trickster have gone.

The case came before Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the fortune-teller, a man named Choi Ping Kwon, was charged with obtaining $150 from the complainant, Chan Wah Yan, by means of a trick on December 2.

Mr. A. Da Silva prosecuted, while Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the defence.

The Story.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Da Silva said that the complainant was the wife of the manager of the Yaumati theatre.

On November 27 she was walking in Jordan Road when she was accosted by the defendant, who prevailed upon her to have her fortune told. For this purpose they went to a house in Reclamation Street, where the woman was given certain charms and told to say various prayers over them. This meeting was followed by several others, and on one of the subsequent visits to the house, the defendant told the woman that if she would give him $150 he would change it into $6,000 or $7,000 for her in a few days.

Money Disappears.

On December 2 she again visited the fortune teller at Reclamation Street and handed him $150, which she had taken from her house-keeping money for the month. The defendant placed the money in a pot and sealed it, and told the woman to return in a few days, when she would find that the money had grown into a huge sum. She returned few days later only to find that the pot had disappeared, though the fortune-teller was still there. She then demanded her money back, but the man refused to give it to her, and a quarrel ensued, resulting in the defendant running down the stairs and into the street, where he was caught after a chase by two *fokis* of the husband of the complainant, who had instructed them to keep watch over his wife, he being aware of the fact that she was visiting the fortune teller's house.

The *fokis* took the man to Yaumati Police station, where he was charged.

After evidence for the prosecution had been taken Mr. Fraser adjourned the case.

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Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1931. [1614

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Ordinance, The EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25TH and 26TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS).

Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1931. [1571

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors of the above-named Company have resolved to issue 30,000 shares forming the remaining part of the unissued Capital of the Company and that such shares shall in the first instance be offered to the persons appearing in the Company's register of members as shareholders on the 1st day of January, 1932, at par and on terms and conditions which will be communicated to such persons at a later date. The attention of all persons who are now or may become before the 1st day of January, 1932, the holders of shares in the above-named Company in respect of which their names have not been entered in the Company's register of members is particularly directed to the above resolution and to the fact that in the event of such persons wishing to participate in the said offer they should take immediate steps to have their names entered in the Company's register of members.

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A PEACEFUL YEAR!

If we look back over the history of the last twelve months in China we see that while political *coups* and crisis have followed "thick and fast, and more, and more," there has not been very much fighting. Apart from the desultory campaign against the Reds of Fukien and Kiangsi, there has been peace in China proper for over a year. The most important political event in 1931, Canton's secession from Nanking has not lead to any fighting. The "Reds" and Yangtsze floods put a barrier between Tweedledee and Tweedledum, who cannot, however, forget their quarrel, though a flock of ill-omened birds far more formidable than the crew of the nursery tale is darkening the sky. Perhaps the political upsets are merely the prelude to a settled peace, though at the moment Chinese opinion is not optimistic as to the outlook. CHIANG KAI SHEK'S resignation is taken to be no more than a strategic withdrawal. If the President's enemies had really prevailed he would have left the country. He probably expects to sail in again on the breezes within the councils of his successors. CHIANG was still strong enough to appoint a week ago trusted henchmen to the chairmanships of four provinces, Kiangsi, Chekiang, Kiangsu and the distant Kansu. CHIANG'S army, under the faithful HO YING CHEN, also controls Anhwei province, while CHEN MING SHU'S forces, which may take an independent attitude, are well scattered among Nanking, Shanghai, Kiangsi and the territory north of Shanghai. The Kansu appointment is of interest. Formerly the province was part of the FENG YU HSIANG territory and it is possible that some kind of *rapprochement* with the "Christian" General and YEN HSI SHAN is being sought. While CHANG HSUEH LIANG has badly lost face over the Manchurian affair, he has preserved his Fengtien Army intact, and with the province of Chihli and the old capital of Peiping as a foundation, the Young General is said to be contemplating a northern *bloc* independent of the Nationalist Government. FENG, YEN and CHIANG KAI SHEK are mentioned as possible adherents to this scheme.

In the South the struggle for union still lags. A curious side-light on Chinese politics was, however, the sudden capture and execution of TANG YEN TA on a charge of attempting to lure CHIANG KAI SHEK'S Army from its allegiance. It is interesting to note, by the way, that Mr. SUN FO, whose name, with EUGENE CHEN'S, has been implicated in that supposed intrigue, is still in Nanking where power rests with General HO YING CHEN. Perhaps Mr. EUGENE CHEN who is in Shanghai now feels that Concessions have their uses. If CHIANG should indeed return to public life it will be interesting to see whether the execution of TANG YEN TA will prove an insuperable obstacle to the reconciliation with Mr. WANG CHING WEI, and his adherents, which seemed on the verge of completion a few days ago. Madame SUN YAT SEN is now, more than ever, the implacable enemy of CHIANG KAI SHEK. But Madame SUN YAT SEN hopes to cast out all militarists. Dr. SUN wished to do the same but in the eyes of his widow his "natural successor" has become the Prince of the Militarists. And how can militarists be cast out, except by fitting other militarists against them?

CHEN TSAI TONG, the Kwangsi militarists and CHANG FAT FUI were last Spring cast for the *rôle* of the final destroyers of the militarists. CHANG FAT FUI has, however, been dallying with his old chief, CHIANG KAI SHEK, and a Chinese report has it that a Kwangsi Paymaster General has gone over to the "Ironside" leader, with a very large sum due for the Kwangsi Army, and the pair of them hope to go north to set up a standard and a pay chest that should attract old campaigners like flies to a honey pot. The "Ironsides" are said to have dwindled to about two thousand ill-equipped and dispirited men on the Kwangsi border, from whom CHANG FAT FUI has long been separated. His resignation from the "Ironside" command was, therefore, neither surprising nor significant.

It is a pretty game and might not do much harm if Japan and Russia were not on the map; if there were no "Reds" and no body of angry and puzzled patriots being inflamed by the students and such leaders as Madame SUN YAT SEN. CHIANG KAI SHEK flew to his Arcadian retreat in his private aeroplane. Perhaps a good many of China's generals and politicians would be well advised to have 'planes ready in their back gardens. It looks as if China's traditional strategy and statecraft are nearly played out, now that the ignorant masses are being asked to take a hand in the affairs of the State.

KEEP UP ROMANCE.

NEXT to the irresistible fascination of buried treasure stories must rank the fascination of lost lands. It is impossible not to sympathize with journalists who have conferred so much romantic glamour upon a projected expedition which some imaginative soul invented for the new survey sloop Challenger. It will be recalled that this vessel was designed and built for fishery exploration service under the Fisheries Board, but that, for economic reasons, this plan has been abandoned, at any rate for the present. As we have already stated, the present intention of the Admiralty is to despatch the Challenger to the China Station in the coming spring to replace the Iroquois as one of the two survey vessels maintained in the Far East. But apparently it has struck some fertile fancy as a pity to waste the vessel in such routine duty. So a far more attractive programme was prepared for her, according to which she was to have left Chatham after completion of her trials, and make an effort to discover the mystic island of Atlantis, which is supposed to lie under the sea in the neighbourhood of the Azores. One of the most staid and usually reliable of the daily newspapers announced that "the Admiralty desire to ascertain whether there is an island there, and, if not, to alter the charts."

The Admiralty, it is believed, were a little staggered at this announcement of their "desire," but, with a very creditable sympathy in the public enjoyment of romance, they have abstained from official disavowal of any idea of hunting for Atlantis or of "altering the chart" of the Atlantic where the depths preclude charting at all. After all, the story hurts nobody and pleases many. There is little enough romance left in the sea life these days, and we may forgive any fictitious "rumour" which serves to rekindle the old glamour.

When the Rodney was accompanying a portion of the Atlantic Fleet which early this year paid a visit to the United States Fleet she carried a small party of scientists and certain appliances to enable them to carry out biological investigations whilst crossing the Saragossa Sea. It is believed that mysterious fish of enormous proportions lurk in the warm depths of these waters. What more natural, therefore, than the serious suggestion that the Rodney was making an attempt "to solve the mystery of the sea serpent"? Moreover, these pretty little stories may have a certain element of educational value. Probably a good many people who never heard of Atlantis before have to thank this yarn about the Challenger for now knowing that it was described by Plato as an island larger than Libya and Asia Minor, which was engulfed 9,000 years or so before his time. Some may be even tempted to read his picture of the beautiful interior of this fabulous land, but one unfortunate result of such a perusal would be to shake faith in the judgment of the Admiralty in "deciding" to send a warship to hunt for it!

Anglers' Sense of Humour.

The popular fallacy that anglers have no sense of humour is exploded by the following story: An elderly novice was invited by an expert angler to spend a day on Loch Katrine. After a while he contrived to hook a small trout estimated to weigh 3 oz. With great care he reeled up his line till the luckless trout was suspended in the air. His host made no comment as he continued to wind until the trout reached the top joint of the rod, beyond which, of course, it could not go.

"And now," observed his host, uttering for the first time, "just swarm up the rod and cut his throat!"

★ News and Views ★

Those Kilometres.

They were making their way back to the battalion, sodden and foot-weary.

"How far to the next village?" they asked a Traffic Control chap at the cross-roads.

"Three kilometres," he said.

About a kilometre further on they put the same question to another T.C.

"Three kilometres," he responded.

A kilometre and a half later they asked again of another T.C.

"Three kilometres," he said.

"Thank God it's not gaining on us!" exclaimed a voice from the ranks.—*From a War Time Regimental Journal.*

British Victim of Bourbon Torture.

In a newly organised criminal museum within the grim walls of the Carcere Nuove in Rome, among gruesome memorials to unknown forms of punishments there has been brought to light evidence of a British victim of ferocious torture in the days of British participation in Bourbon affairs during Napoleonic times.

The particular instrument of torture is an iron cage roughly following the shape of the human form, in which the prisoner was tightly compressed in a standing position and then suspended from the battlements until he died of exposure, pain, and exhaustion.

Was He an Inniskilling?

The cage—a common enough mediæval instrument—was found in the moat of the Castle of Milazzo, in Sicily, near Palermo. By the cage were found the remains of a human skeleton, but nothing to identify the character of the victim except some shreds of rags and a military button stamped "Inniskilling 27," and on the back the words "Covent Garden."

Although the cage is a mediæval device, it had in this case presumably been used for public punishment or private revenge during Napoleonic days in this remote castle, and the button presumably is of the London-made tunic of an Inniskilling Dragoon.

Reforming the Reform.

It is reported that "extraordinary" and "exciting" scenes were witnessed at a general meeting of members of the Reform Club when it was decided to admit women to the club for tea and dinner on Saturdays and lunch and dinner on Sundays.

This suggests a subject for one of Mr. Punch's inimitable "Entertainments at which we have never assisted"—passing a reform at the Reform Club.

Gift Before He Died.

Brighton magistrates were opening a letter containing the annual donation to the poor box of Mr. Henry Welsford Smithers, a senior magistrate, when news was received of his death.

Mr. Smithers had sent two guineas, and his letter said, "Please get the cheque through the bank as quickly as possible because of illness." Mr. Smithers was 97.

When Is a Tourist?

The International Hotelkeepers' Associations, including representatives from Great Britain and all other countries, are in conference at Geneva, and trying to settle a most vital point: When does the tourist season begin?

It is proposed to make March 21, the first day of spring, "Tourist Day." This shall formally inaugurate the tourist season, and the great hotels will be dressed with bunting, and fly a special flag for the day. The flag has already been designed: a bird's nest on a blue ground, with four young girls flying from it in different directions. Whether this is symbolical of travellers, ripe for plucking, is not explained.

It is understood that a proposal to induce the first official tourist of the year to wear a special costume and to be put up gratis has been turned down.

Divorce Cases Increase.

The Civil Judicial Statistics for last year state that the number of matrimonial petitions filed during the year was 4,476, an increase over the preceding year of 342, and the greatest number since 1920 (5,182).

The total number of *decrees nisi* for dissolution of marriage was 3,722, 1,598 being on husbands' petitions and 2,124 on wives' petitions. Matrimonial causes to the number of 1,500 were tried during 1929.

Matrimonial causes formed 93 per cent. of the total of Poor Persons cases, increasing by 184 to 1,568.

Moonshine.

An American Professor believes that within the next hundred years men will discover means of travelling to the moon in a rocket-propelled ship, which will take six days to do the journey and cost about £400,000,000.

He says that on arrival travellers to the moon will find no soil, no water, no clouds, no air, and no animal life. In fact, the only thing he does not explain, is why anyone—in these circumstances—should want to spend £400,000,000 on getting there.

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★ Local Notes and Events ★

Four cases of diphtheria and one of enteric fever were reported on Tuesday.

His Excellency the Governor will preside at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, which will be held at the City Hall at 5 p.m. on Monday. Any person who is interested in child welfare will be welcome.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Tuesday, January 26, 1932 at 4.30 p.m. as the date of the Annual Inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. All interested in the Order of St. John are cordially invited to attend. Details will be notified later.

An unknown Chinese committed suicide by jumping into the harbour from the lower deck of the Yaumati ferry-boat Man Ying whilst it was halfway between Hong Kong and Yaumati on Tuesday night. The launch was stopped and a search made for the missing man, but no traces could be found.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., the local agents for the famous Scotts beer brewed by McEwan-Younger Ltd., have sent us three delightful calendars, from the latter firm illustrating sport in the Highlands—particularly those virile kinds to which beer is the proper accompaniment—We also have to acknowledge a neat desk calendar from Mackintosh's Ltd.

Dr. S. W. Phoon has been successful at the recent examination for the degree of Master of Surgery (M.S.). Dr. Phoon is the first graduate of the University to get this honour, and it is of interest to hear that one of the examiners is the well-known Prof. G. E. Gask of London University. After working as Orthopaedic Clinical Assistant at Guy's Hospital al, London, Dr. Phoon worked in a similar capacity at the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled in New York. Upon his return to Hong Kong he was appointed Assistant to the Professor of Surgery. He resigned from that position to become the Superintendent of the Tung Wah Hospital.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan is due from Shanghai at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day, and will leave for Manila at 5 p.m. on the 26th.

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Banks, have written to the Government suggesting that, as New Year's Day falls on Friday, the Saturday following should be declared a general holiday, as it is already in Shanghai.

Two young Russians, Knionets Dmitriy Apanaserick and Vonofieff George Nikanov, who had served sentences in Hong Kong for arriving in the Colony without a passport, were yesterday fined $10 by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy for defrauding the Kowloon-Canton Railway of 60 cents representing train fare. The alternative to the fine was 14 days hard labour.

An Indian named Ram Nath Biswas, 36 years of age, arrived in the Colony yesterday on the s.s. Borneo. He is travelling round the world on a push bicycle and has so far covered Malaya, Siam and Indo China. He boarded the s.s. Borneo for Hong Kong and intends to proceed to Canton, Shanghai, Nanking, Mukden, Harbin, Korea, Japan and then America and Europe. He reckons the trip round the world will occupy twelve years.

From the Files.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The *Nautical Magazine* says:—The launching of the Mauretania causes speculation as to who will undertake the immense responsibilities which will fall upon her commander. As the new Cunarders have been built under an agreement with His Majesty's Government, it is very probable that they will have some say as to how they shall be officered and manned. The impression exists that the Admiralty will insist upon the chief executive holding commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve. If this proves to be the case, it will debar the two senior commanders in the Cunard Line from taking either of the vessels. The two Senior Royal Reserve officers serving in the Cunard Line at present are Commander D. Dow, R.N.R., of the R.M.S. Umbria, and Lieutenant J. W. T. Charles, R.N.R., of the Saxonia.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Dec. 24, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Victoria Regatta commenced yesterday. The weather during the morning had been showery, but it cleared up before noon, and the conditions proved favourable for good sport. The water was not too lumpy for good rowing, while there was sufficient wind to make the sailing races interesting. A little sunshine would have thrown a more cheerful appearance over the affair, so far as the spectators were concerned, but the rowers were glad to have things as they were. There was but a meagre attendance on the Grand Stand, which may perhaps be accounted for by the social and general festivities which are now taking place in the evenings and the fatigue consequent upon them. The programme opened with the Junior Sculls, which was cleverly won by Angier. For the Chairman's Cup there were four starters, and a closely contested race result-

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ed in a win for Sampson's four by three quarters of a length. For the German Cup there were three starters, but an accident happening to one of the boats just after the start, it was left between Bennett's and Ruck's boats, and was won easily by the former. The race for the Ladies' Purse, rowed in pair oars, was the event which caused the greatest excitement. There were three starters, and the race was won by Sampson and Hughes. Fisher and Angier made a splendid spurt at the finish, but too late to snatch the race from the leading boat. The Purse was presented immediately after the race by Miss Barff, who gracefully congratulated the winners.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Dec. 24, 1881.

MOSLEM UNION NEARER.

SHIAH CHIEF LEADS SUNNI PRAYERS IN MOSQUE.

ZIONIST MOVEMENT OPPOSED.

Jerusalem, Dec. 13.—A centuries old rule was broken at the Islamic Conference here to-day when the Iraq delegate, Muhammad Alghatta, who is Imam of the Shia sect, acceded to the request of the Congress to lead the mid-day prayers for the Palestine Sunni Moslems.

The differences between the Sunnis and the Shias over the question of the headship of Islam are almost as long standing as the Islam faith itself.

That an Imam of the Shia sect should lead the prayers on behalf of the Sunnis is without precedent and demonstrates as nothing else could have done the sincerity of the desire among all the delegates at the Conference to achieve Islamic unity.

The Congress, which is being held at the Al Asque Mosque, was called as the result of a visit paid to Palestine this year by Shaukat Ali, the distinguished Indian Moslem leader. Its object is to strengthen the bonds throughout the whole Moslem world in defence of the Arabs, of Palestine and the Holy Places in Jerusalem from the pressure that it is believed will be exerted against them by the Zionist Colonists.

STONED TO DEATH.

NIGHT FUSILLADE AT TWO MINERS.

One man has been killed and another badly hurt as the result of a mysterious stone-throwing attack at Tow Law, County Durham.

The dead man is Thomas Mather (41), and the injured man is Alec Hansome (28).

They went late at night to look after some poultry which they kept on the fells. As they walked along there was a fusillade of stones, and both men were struck.

Hansome crawled half a mile home and summoned assistance. Mather was taken to hospital and died later.

It is thought the assailants may have been coal thieves, who mistook Mather and Hansome for watchers.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN DISAGREE

OVER CONDITIONAL AND UNCONDITIONAL PAYMENTS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BASLE, Dec. 22.

An intense battle in which Britain and France were the leading antagonists kept the Young Plan Advisory Committee of banking experts sitting almost all night long, in an effort to reconcile divergent viewpoints.

The main point at issue, it is believed, was whether Germany's conditional or unconditional payments should have priority.

It is understood that Sir Walter Layton, the British expert, was in favour of giving Germany a complete respite up to four years.

The dissension at one time threatened to enforce a postponement of the discussions until after Christmas, but progress is now being made with the Report which, it is believed, will embody proposals with a view to giving Germany time to pay.

It is now considered probable that a meeting of governments at a reparations conference will be possible in the middle of January.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 23.

A Basle message this morning says that the special advisory committee will hold a final meeting this evening, and that the report will be of twenty pages with several annexes.

Sterling-Dollar Rate 4.41¾.

RUGBY, Dec. 23.

On the London Stock Exchange the Sterling-Dollar rate opened at 3.41¾. The firmness of British Government stocks was the principal feature.

HUNGARIAN MORATORIUM

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22.

It is learned that a partial moratorium regarding Hungarian debts, both public and private, with a few exceptions, is to be proclaimed, becoming effective to-morrow.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 23.

Only 7½ per cent. of the League of Nations' loan is exempt from the moratorium service, other State loans will be dependent on foreign exchange available.

HOOVER MORATORIUM RATIFIED

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

The Senate has rejected an amendment to the resolution ratifying the Hoover Moratorium.

The amendment asked for the revision of the Treaty of Versailles as a condition of the debt holiday.

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The Senate later ratified the Hoover Moratorium, the voting being sixty-nine to twelve.

Without discussion, the Senate accepted the provision of the House of Representatives, banning the revision or cancellation of war debt.

NAZI LEADER IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

(Reuter's Special Service.)

BERLIN, Dec. 23

The Nazi leader, Herr Hitler, narrowly escaped death when he was involved in a motor accident to-day. His car crashed into a stationary car and Herr Hitler was thrown into the screen. He sustained many cuts and bruises and broke one finger.

ANCIENT PALACE UNEARTHED

(Reuter's Special Service.)

CAIRO, Dec. 22.

A three thousand-year-old Royal Palace, probably the residence of Queen Nefretas after her fall from power, has been discovered by the Egypt Exploration Society excavating at Tel-el-amarna.

GIANT CUNARD LINER

WORKERS REQUEST THAT WORK BE RESUMED

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A deputation representing all the trades affected waited on the President of the Board of Trade in connection with the suspension of work on the new giant Cunarder.

The deputation stressed the need that special financial arrangement be made by the Government to enable construction to be resumed, and pointed out that 3,500 workers were directly, and 7,000 indirectly affected by the stoppage. They also argued that the prestige and advertisement of our national shipbuilding was now at stake.

Sir Charles Hipman receiving the delegation, in the absence of Mr. Runciman, was unable to make a statement of policy but said the Government would reply in due course.

MERCANTILE FLEETS

LIMITATION PROPOSAL BY M. CHAPPEDELAINE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 22.

Yet another international conference—to limit merchant fleets—was advocated by M. Chappedelaine, the Minister of the Mercantile Marine Department, during a debate in the Chamber to-night.

The French Parliament was discussing a Bill authorising the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique to contract a loan, not exceeding three hundred million francs, with a Government guarantee.

M. Chappedelaine alluded to the possibility of a cessation of work on the new giant liner being built in France, the Ile de France.

He said that if the Cunard Line abandoned their "superchip," the French line would do the same, but he was awaiting the result of negotiations with the Cunard Line before taking action.

Government was defeated by 276 to 266 by the adoption of a motion to refer the Bill back to the Committee as a mark of disapproval of the way the Company had managed affairs.

Government, however, did not make the vote a matter of confidence, so the Bill will be reintroduced after amendment.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

GENERAL DAWES TO HEAD U.S. DELEGATION

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

General Charles G. Dawes, American Ambassador in London, has been appointed to head the United States delegation to the World Disarmament Conference.

It is understood that President Hoover intends to include a woman in the delegation and has invited "a lady of quality and prominence" to accept the post.

EX-PRIME MINISTER CHARGED.

CORRUPTION ALLEGED AGAINST CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN LEADER.

Prague, December 15.—George Stribrny, the stormy petrel of Czecho-Slovakian politics and a former acting Prime Minister, stands on trial to-day on charges of corruption. The case is vastly intriguing the nation, part of which regards him as a martyr of political hatred on account of his opposition to the present coalition government.

M. Stribrny is alleged to have profited from the purchase of railway carriages from Germany ten years ago. The accused, who has had an eventful career, was sentenced for lese majeste when he was 18 under the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. He was one of the leaders of the revolution which led to the establishment of the Republic and was member of every government of Czecho-Slovakia from 1918 to 1925.

Later he launched a successful paper and founded a new party called the National League, of which he was one of the three successful candidates in the parliamentary elections.

MOTOR RACING

CAPT. GREYSTON SETS UP 14 NEW RECORDS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

Fourteen international motor speed records were set up to-day by Captain Greyston on a British car, an M.G. 750 C.C., on the Montlhery track with the following speeds:

Five kilometres 184.71 kilometres hourly.

Five miles 184.66 kilometres hourly.

Ten kilometres 184.62 kilometres hourly.

Ten miles 184.21 kilometres hourly.

The new success of the M.G. car is of interest in connection with the reported intention of the racing motorist, Lord Howe, to enter 3 M.G. Magna cars for the Italian Mille Miglia Race in April. The suggested driving team would include Lord Howe himself, Sir Henry Birkin and Captain Greyston. Lord Howe hopes to obtain the support of Sir William Morris. This will be the second occasion only that British cars have competed in the famous Italian race.

A Baby Austin last year successfully completed the course.

BURMA ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

ADJOURNS TILL JANUARY FOURTH

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

The Burma Round Table Conference to-day discussed question of domicile and citizenship in relation to franchise, and the Committee stage of the Conference was concluded.

The Conference adjourned until January 3. Meantime, the Chairman, Lord Peel, will prepare his report for presentation to the Conference.

DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

According to the Ministry of Labour figures issued to-night, the number of registered unemployed at December 14 was nearly 55,000 less than the week before. The total was 2,572,602.

ROYAL XMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

Their Majesties the King and Queen left King's Cross by train this afternoon on their way to Sandringham where they will spend Christmas. They were accompanied by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York and Prince George will join the Royal Family Party before Christmas Day. If the weather is suitable it is expected that the Princes will travel to Sandringham by air.

LATE SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S SHAMROCK V.

BOUGHT BY MR. T. O. M. SOPWITH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith, founder of Sopwith Aviation Company and well-known yachtsman, has bought the late Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V. which was built in 1930 as challenger for the American Cup. He will race her next season in British waters.

PRINCESS VISITS MR. GANDHI.

KING OF ITALY'S DAUGHTER CALLS ON HIM IN ROME.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Princess Maria, the beautiful youngest daughter of the King of Italy, paid a surprise visit to Mr. Gandhi to-day just before he left Rome for Brindisi *en route* for India.

Mr. Gandhi seemed very pleased to receive his Royal visitor and they talked animately together for some time. The conversation, however, was regarded as a very private one and although pressed on the subject afterwards, Mr. Gandhi would not give any inkling of the political views of the Princess or even of the topics discussed.

JAPANESE FIRE ON ARMOURED TRAIN

WILL CHIANG RETURN TO NANKING?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Dec. 23.

MESSAGES from Headquarters state that during the night Japanese fired on a Chinese armoured train at Tienchuantan, ten miles west of Yingchow, and that the Chinese returned the fire. Fighting was still proceeding this afternoon.

Headquarters point out that bandits do not possess armoured trains, hence this cannot be classed as suppression of banditry.

Japanese Troops Return to Railway Zone.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Press despatches report that the majority of Japanese troops, after three days' operations against bandits returned to the S.M.R. zone.

War Against Bandits.

GENEVA, Dec. 22.

Notwithstanding the resolution of the League Council, accepted by Japan, the Tokyo Government are not merely strengthening their position in the regions already occupied but they are contemplating an extension of military occupation.

This is the burden of the Note, which goes on to declare that General Honjo, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, has declared the independence of the Provinces of Fengtien and Kirin and has announced his intention of driving out troublesome elements from Manchuria.

A Japanese Note, lodged simultaneously, gives details of bandit activity and complains of anti-Japanese agitation in China, including a meeting of students and workmen in Shanghai, which passed a resolution demanding the declaration of war against Japan, intensification of the boycott and an appeal to the Soviet for assistance.

Dr. C. C. Wu.

NANKING, Dec. 23.

Dr. C. C. Wu has been appointed Chairman of the Special Foreign Affairs Commission. This is considered a step to the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Reports are current that the Canton and Nanking Kuomintang leaders intend to petition Chiang Kai Shek to return to the capital to take an active part in the new Government. A delegation will probably go to Fenghua to persuade Chiang Kai Shek to emerge from his retirement.

Chiang Arrives at Ningpo.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22.

The *China Press* this morning reports the arrival of Chiang Kai Shek and his wife at Ningpo yesterday afternoon by air and says that they boarded a waiting motor-car and immediately proceeded to Fenghua.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone appears to be nearly stationary to the N.W. of Korea and has increased slightly in intensity.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

ANTI-JAPANESE CAMPAIGN

SUCCESSFUL TOUR BY CANTON STUDENTS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 23.

After two weeks of anti-Japanese propaganda work, the students of Sun Yat Sen University have decided to go back to school. They have been in the remotest parts of both Kwangtung and Kwangsi, informing the inhabitants about the Japanese invasion of Manchuria and its political significance. They went in groups and were equipped with handbills and pamphlets for distribution.

In conversation with your correspondent this morning one of the students said that everywhere they were well received. Sometimes they delivered their lectures in the open and sometimes in school auditoriums or public halls. The number of listeners was large. The local schools and *tang-pus*, or Kuomintang branch councils, he went on, helped them greatly in their anti-Japanese propaganda campaign.

AFRICAN XMAS MAILS

AIR-LINERS FIGHT AGAINST TIME

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Imperial Airways liners are engaged upon a tremendous five-thousand mile dash to Croydon in order to deliver, by Christmas morning, the mail from Central Africa and Egypt.

Calcutta flyingboats and Armstrong-Siddeley air-liners on the North Africa routes yesterday completed their stages in record times.

To-day, the mail is being rushed across the Mediterranean by huge four-engined Kent flyinghoats and it is hoped that the mail will arrive at ten o'clock on the morning of Christmas Eve, December 24.

The mail according to the normal time schedule of the Imperial Airways service would not reach London until the afternoon of Christmas Day. The pilots are therefore striving to set a record by reducing the time of transit by nearly 36 hours.

AIR-FORCE TOUR OF EAST AFRICA

OUTLYING DISTRICTS TO BE VISITED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 23.

A tour of British East African Colonies will be made next month by four Royal Air Force Fairey 3.F. biplanes under Wing-Commander Harris.

The cruise of [illegible] miles will start from [illegible] and end there eleven weeks. South of Egypt and Sudan the more important towns on route are Entebbe, in Uganda, Nairobi, Mombass, Dar-es-Salaam and Zanzibar.

At Entebbe the flight remains several days practising supply dropping, picking up messages and other evolutions with land forces.

In Kenya, Nairobi will be the headquarters during twelve days set aside for visits to points in the colony lying within 200 miles or so of the capital when the District Commissioners and Provincial Governors will fly over parts of their areas difficult of access.

Among the pilots will be Flight Lieutenant Atcherley, the Schneider Trophy flier.

DUKE OF BRABANT

CANCELS VISIT TO JAPAN

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.

Owing to the political situation in the East the Duke of Brabant has postponed his visit to Japan which he contemplated making in March.

He proposes instead to visit Indo-China and Madagascar to study French methods of colonisation.

GARRISON REVOLT AT MANGAO.

FOREIGN WOMAN WOUNDED DURING LOOTING.

Harbin, Dec. 11.—According to reports reaching here from Mangao, a section of the local garrison there mutinied recently.

It is said that the troops killed the majority of their officers and then commenced to pillage the railway settlement. While the pillagers were at work there was a certain amount of firing. Several prominent Chinese were killed and it is reported that a Mrs. Troitsky, the wife of an employee of the well-known firm of Louis Dreyfus was wounded.

The trouble was not ended until the arrival of an armoured train with troops, when the insurgents were forced to retire.

SMUGGLING IN SCANDINAVIA.

ARREST OF DIRECTOR OF AN OIL FIRM.

Aalessund, Dec. 15.—Hard on the heels of allegations concerning the wrecked trawler Venus comes news of the discovery of a big smuggling organisation and the arrest of a director of a local oil firm which is alleged secretly to have received 100 casks each supposed to contain 200 litres of benzol.

Closer examination revealed the casks were only one-third full of benzol, separate compartments containing 96 per cent. of spirits, amounting altogether to 2,000 litres.

MR. G. LOWDER WINS CASE

JUDGMENT FOR TAELS 2,500, PLUS COSTS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23.

Judgment was given for Tls. 2,500 plus costs in favour of Mr. Gordon Lowder, a former Commissioner of Customs, against Mr. McMichael, arising from advances of money to the now defunct Frazar Co. of which defendant was a partner.

Mr. McMichael is a prominent polo player, clubman and a Volunteer Officer.

RIVIERA STAFFS CUT DOWN.

10,000 FOREIGN EMPLOYEES OF HOTELS DISMISSED.

Paris, December 12.—Over 10,000 foreign hotel employees were dismissed this morning from the hotels along the Riviera. In justification of this dismissal the hotel owners association issued a notice declaring that in view of the growth of unemployment in France, the foreigners must be replaced by home talent. Some 2,000 positions, it was furthermore stated, will not be filled again on account of the business stagnation.

The dismissed employees are chiefly Italians, with a sprinkling of Swiss and Russian, which lend a political note to the dismissal, it being rumoured that the French Government frowns upon the large-scale employment of Italians along the Mediterranean coast.

PART OF VATICAN LIBRARY COLLAPSES

Professor and Four Workmen Killed

LOSS OF MANY VALUABLE MANUSCRIPTS FEARED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 22.

A Press telegram from Rome reports that the entire right wing of the Vatican Library, built in 1588, crashed late this afternoon following the collapse of the roof. Fortunately the greater part of the staff and a number of workmen engaged on repairs had left shortly before and it is still uncertain whether there were any casualties. All available fire brigades of the City of Rome were rushed to the assistance of the Vatican brigade which was overwhelmed by the task.

The section of the building involved constitutes about a quarter of whole library and it is estimated that about 10,000 volumes are buried among the *débris*. Some are of great value and included, among other precious manuscripts, a letter from Martin Luther in reply to Pope Leo Tenth's first warning on his heresies. It is hoped that the majority will be recovered.

Valuable Font Smashed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24.

The bodies of Professor Vattasso, research worker in the Vatican Library, and two workmen were recovered during the night. It is feared that three other workmen have been killed.

A deafening roar on the collapse of the wing, which is the oldest part of the Vatican, built at the end of the 16th Centuary, brought crowds rushing to the scene, while five brigades from Rome worked feverishly to rescue the imprisoned workers.

The upper room, where the victims were working, was the so-called Hall of a Hundred Days, the walls of which were covered with frescoes by pupils of Gilliomano, but which were saved.

The room contained many gifts from kings and other distinguished persons to the Pope.

The porcelain font, which was given by Napoleon to Pope Pius 9th, of the God Father and His Infant Son was smashed.

The room below is the Hall of Consultations and is filled with 15,000 books and priceless documents, most of which it is hoped will be recovered.

15,000 Volumes Lost.

It is officially stated that about 15,000 volumes were lost in the collapse of the Vatican Library, some of which can be substituted but many are rare and will be difficult to replace.

An enquiry is being made into the cause of the collapse and it is expected it will be traceable to jerry building in the time of Pope Sixtus V.

The total death-roll is five.

Three Bodies Recovered.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 23.

The bodies of three workmen were found this morning in the *débris* of the Vatican Library, the roof of which collapsed yesterday afternoon.

The body of Professor Vattasso was extricated during the night. It is believed that a fifth body has yet to be discovered.

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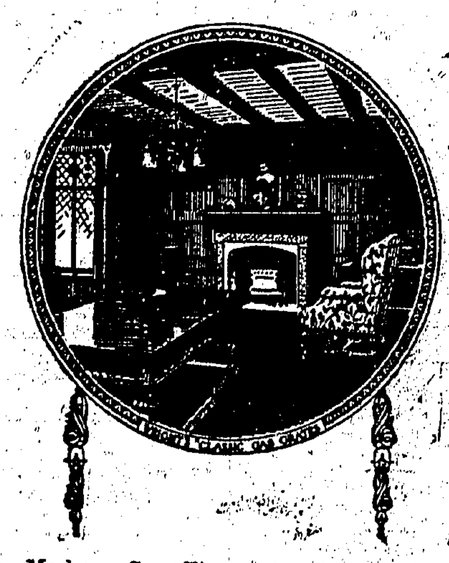
MADERN GAS FIRES ARE BEAUTIFUL.



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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 28TH DAY of DECEMBER, 1931, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Fleming Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of HIS MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 3293.	Fleming Road, adjoining Inland Lot No. 2768.	As per sale plan				About 2,933	34	44,070

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2	Inland Lot No. 3294.	Fleming Road, Anjoining Inland Lot No 2792	As per sale plan.				About 6,463	74	96,945

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
3	Inland Lot No. 2295.	Wong Nei Chung.	As per sale plan				About 930	18	2,800

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MACAO RACES

SUNDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1931.

First Race at 1.30 p.m.

Admission:—To Members' Enclosure $1.00

To Public Enclosure cents 40.

Members MUST show their badges to gain admittance.

Members can obtain 2 ladies badges free on application to the Secretary.

Tiffin can be procured at the Race Course at $1.50.

Please refer to advertisement re Race Steamers.

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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR ALL DAY MATCHES.

The University first and second teams are playing all day matches against the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday, the games to start at 10.30 a.m. in each case.

The senior team will play at Pokfulam, the University side being represented by the following players: A. T. Nomanbhoy, D. J. N. Anderson, F. R. Zimmern, L. T. Ride, A. T. Lee, H. Nomanbhoy, E. L. Gosano, A. M. Rodrigues, W. K. Chou, P. M. N. da Silva, and A. Bakar.

Junior Match.

The match between the second elevens of the University and the Indian R.C. will take place at Sookumpoo, the undergraduates being represented by the following: P. L. Tan, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, G. B. Scully, A. A. Aziz, D. K. Samy, C. E. R. Clarabut, R. E. G. Leong, D. Roy B. K. Na, and M. M. Yayahbhoy. Reserves: D. Hunt, S. Tata.

H.K.C.C. *v.* the Army.

In the above match, on Saturday, December, 26 on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m., the following have been selected to play for the Club:

H. Owen Hughes (Captain), A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, E. R. Duckitt, R. H. Griffiths, O. E. C. Marton, D. McLellan, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

December 24, Christmas Eve.
Festal Evensong at 5.30 p.m.

DECEMBER 25, 1931, Christmas Day.
Holy Communion at 7 a.m.
Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Mattins and Sermon at 11 a.m.
Preacher:—The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong.
Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m.

December 24, Festival of St. Stephen.
Holy Communion at 10.15 a.m.

December 27, 1931, Patronal Festival St. John the Evangelist's Day First Sunday after Christmas.
Holy Communion at 7 a.m.
Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Mattins and Sermon at 11 a.m.
Preacher:—The Dean.
Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m.
Evensong at 6.30 p.m.
Preacher:—The Rev. H. V. Koop.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

December 28, The Innocents' Day.
Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 6TH DAY of JANUARY, 1932.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1931.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
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GOLF NOTES.

[BY "MASHIE-NIBLICK."]

In view of the consistently good golf Marton has played since his return to the Colony it was generally expected that he would beat Shewan in the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship. To state that his win was popular is not in any way to reflect on Shewan, but merely an expression of approval that a young and promising player, who has had bad luck on past occasions, has at last won the coveted distinction.

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At Kowloon City, Russell and Remedios on Sunday played off the postponed semi-final of the Kowloon Golf Club Competition. The issue was never in doubt, although after being 7 down on the first 18 holes, Russell looked like making a fight of it when he reduced the lead to 4 by the 25th. Remedios eventually won by 6 and 5 and meets E. D. da Roza in the final a week on Sunday.

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The tombstone competition held at the Kowloon Golf Club on Sunday morning attracted a large entry. Conditions were ideal and most players "died" somewhere near the last green. Wilson and Groves both finished 18 holes with three strokes in hand and "died" on the 19th green, Wilson being slightly nearer the pin and thus winning 65 per cent of the pool.

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The annual gymkhana and presentation of prizes at Kowloon Golf Club on Sunday afternoon was a most enjoyable affair. The Clock Golf and Ladder Competitions proved particularly popular with the ladies present and, weather conditions being ideal, their friends grouped around the ninth green and watched the fun. Dr. Cogan, as usual, managed to leave his professional duties sufficiently long for him to "belt" one down the fairway to win the long distance prize, although Thomson carried off the prize for the best aggregate for three drives. No-one was able to get under 6 for approach shots and putts with three balls on the first green and the box of balls was therefore divided among the eight who tied.

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The distribution of prizes won at Kowloon during the 1930-31 season and the prizes won in the day's competitions were distributed in the temporary matshed afterwards (incidentally, this matshed is very comfortable and a full view can be had from it of the work proceeding at rapid pace on the erection of the new building). Apropos of the President's remarks in asking Mrs. J. H. Hunt to distribute the prizes, there is no reason why the Kowloon Golf Club Ladies' Section, when formed, should not organise their own competitions and have a special day each year for presentation of prizes won in ladies' events organised by them, combined with a bridge tournament or some other function in the same manner as do the Ladies' sections at Fanling and Deep Water Bay. I have often heard it said that ladies feel they are allowed at Kowloon on sufferance but this is no longer the case under the new registration scheme by which they contribute in some degree to the revenue of the Club and have provision made for them in the new Club House.

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The question of subscription from ladies, which was referred to at the annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, is, I understand, forming the subject of consideration by a Sub-Committee and their proposals will be brought before a special meeting of the Club at an early date. I gather, although no details are as yet officially available, that it is probable the recommendations will be in favour of ladies being called upon to contribute, but with a differentiation in favour of lady relatives of members who, it is proposed, should be given the alternative of paying green fees each time they use the course instead of a monthly subscription as in other cases. It is possible also that lady players will be allowed, under the new proposals, to introduce lady visitors on payment of green fees.

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In order that arrangements may be made in time for their inclusion in the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's fixture-card for next year, I understand that the various Golf Clubs in the Colony have been circulated requesting their co-operation in staging a second championship of the Golf Clubs of Hong Kong next year on October 30. It is suggested that the competition be on the same lines as this year, but that Clubs be invited to enter five competitors. It is also proposed to have a team contest.

FANLING GOLF.

DR. MACKIE WINS BOGEY POOL.

In the Bogey Pool, played at Fanling over the week-end, Dr. J. B. Mackie (12), all square, won.

Other scores were:—
D. Forbes (8) 2 down,
W. D. Hughes (10) 2 down.
There were 31 entries.

FOOTBALL.

PROBABLE INTERPORT ELEVEN.

The following have been selected to represent "Scotland" against England on Xmas Day on the H.K. Football Club ground, kick off at 3.30 p.m.:—

Rodger: Blackburn, Dixon: Hay, McKelvie, Gordon: Bell, Wyllie, Campbell McTavish and Hughes:—

Reserves: Hastie, Docherty, McGlashan, Lamont, A. Duncan and Shepherd. (Police.)

The selection of Dixon for the "England" team is cancelled.

Services *v.* the Rest.

The following have been selected to represent "The Rest" against "The Services" on January 1 on the H.K. Club ground, kick off at 3.30 p.m. sharp.

Rodger: Martin, Strange: Hedley, Skinner (Capt) Bliss: B. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, Howe, Segelan and Pile Reserves: Rocha, Williams, Channing, Shepherd.

Probable Interport XI.

The following have been selected to represent a Probable Interport XI. against a selected team to be notified later.

Rodger: Martin, Strange: Hay, McKelvie, Bliss: B. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, Howe, Rawson, and Duncan (S.W.B.).

Reserves:—Segelan, Fogwell, Malone (S.W.B.).

The match will be played on the H.K. Football Club ground on Wednesday January 13, kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB "A" LOSE TO CUMBERLAND.

A fair gathering turned out to watch the above match at Happy Valley yesterday when they must have been a little disappointed for the game was a very tame affair and although there was no scoring at all until the closing stages of the game, the sailors finally managed to break through to win by the only try scored during the game.

Whereas the defenders on both sides played well, the forwards were disappointing. Their handling was poor, there being room for improvement in both teams.

The game was, however, a fairly even one and but for the fact that both sides were trying up to the last minute it would indeed have been a very poor match.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY.

BORDERERS BEAT RADIO SPORTS CLUB.

The Radio Sports Club, who were so successful with their hockey fixtures earlier in the season had a spoke put into their wheel yesterday when South Wales Borderers beat them by the easy margin of five goals to one. The soldiers were definitely the superior side and in the first half led by 4-1.

After the interval the Radio players combined better and there was also a distinct improvement in the defence. Despite this, however, the soldiers managed to notch another goal before the final whistle went.

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SHIELD ON VIEW IN KOWLOON.

Members of teams taking part in the Mamak Hockey Tournament will be interested to know that the shield presented by Mr. S. S. Mamak is now on view in the window of Messrs. Mamak and Co., Sports Outfitters, 29, Winglok Building, Kowloon.

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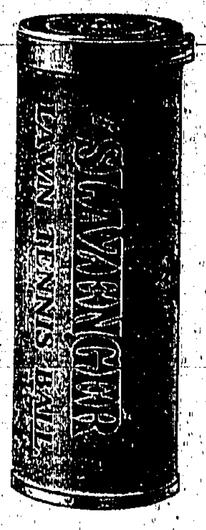

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

R.E. AND S. BEAT R.A.S.C.

In a low-scoring cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the R.E. & S. defeated the Royal Army Service Corps by 19 runs. The feature of the match was the splendid batting and bowling of Signalman Williams who, besides hitting 19, captured seven wickets for 27 runs!

Colonel Skinner was top-scorer with 25, while Lieut.-Colonel Marsden contributed 10. For the losers, Whitley and Gray were the most successful bowlers, each taking four wickets for 42 and 40 runs, respectively.

R.E. and S.

Meehan, l.b.w., b Gray	2
Williams, c and b Gray	19
Lt. Ewbank, run out	2
Lt. Anstruther, b Gray	0
Col. Skinner, c Gray, b Reynolds	25
Lt.-Col. Marsden, b Whitley	19
Saunders, b Whitley	0
Holmes, c Reynolds, b Whitley	5
Chaffey, not out	6
Jordon, b Whitley	4
Higgins, Funnell, b Gray	11
Extras	4
Total	97

(*Continued at foot of next column.*)

MORRIS RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

WINS GOVERNOR'S BELT OUTRIGHT.

WARNES FIGHTS GAMELY BUT LOSES.

Showing superior ringcraft, superior footwork, and on the whole putting up a superior exhibition of boxing, Signalman Morris, H.M.S. Suffolk, retained the welterweight championship of the Colony at the Theatre Royal last night when he beat A.B. Warnes, H.M.S. Hermes, on points in their return contest. Morris tipped the scale at 147 lbs., while Warnes was two pounds lighter.

It was evident right from the beginning that both men were out to make a short fight of it if possible with the result that there was plenty of action. Morris exploited a right hook to much advantage and he must have piled up a lot of points with it, for he brought a telling clip to the chin, jaw and face time and again. Warnes also got in some hefty punches but he was fighting a much better man. Indeed the wonder was that he stood up to such a lot of punishment so gamely and although he lost to Morris for the second time within the short space of a month, he at least has the satisfaction of knowing that his conqueror indeed fully deserves the title and the Governor's Belt, which is now his own, having won it twice in succession.

There was plenty of action during the whole of the fight and although Morris might have finished his man on more than one occasion, there was just that little lacking in his punches that he could not hand out the "sleeping medicine." At the end of the fight both men were heartily cheered and there was not a single person in the audience who could have disagreed with the verdict.

Capt. Burnett, H.M.S. Bruce, refereed the fight and so excellently did he do his job that after the boxers were each given his share of the cheers, the referee was given a special one. Immediately the fight was over, Capt. Burnett said that he wished to say, before the verdict was announced, that he had had many years of refereeing, and he could not remember having enjoyed taking charge of a fifteen round contest more than the one that had just been concluded. "It was a damned good fight," Capt. Burnett concluded.

Mr. R. M. Dyer, chairman of the Boxing Association, then tied the Belt round Morris' waist amidst much applause.

Other Bouts.

The other fights resulted as under:—

L.S. Hall, H.M.S. Cumberland, gave up to L.S. Davis, H.M.S. Hermes, in the second of a six-round welterweight contest. Hall, who broke his arm while training, had to stop owing to the fact that his arm gave way.

The ten-round heavyweight contest between A.B. Judge, H.M.S. Cornwall (161lbs), and A.B. Long, H.M.S. Kent (165lbs.), resulted in the latter being disqualified in the eighth round. Although giving away 16lbs., Long put up an excellent show and looked as if he would have won had the fight been allowed to go on.

Pte. Roberts, S.W.B. (135lbs.), lost on points to A.B. Thomas, H.M.S. Suffolk (130lbs.), in a six-round featherweight contest.

A.B. Baldwin, H.M.S. Hermes (133lbs.), was given the verdict over Stoker Jobbins, H.M.S. Medway (139lbs.), in the fifth of a six-round lightweight contest.

A.B. Harry, H.M.S. Kent (140 lbs.), beat A.B. Waterhouse, H.M.S. Cumberland (133lbs.), in a six-round welterweight contest.

During the course of the evening it was announced that A.B. Sheppard, H.M.S. Cumberland, challenged anyone for the middleweight championship of the Colony. Both Signalman Morris and A.B. Long announced their willingness to accept the challenge.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Whitley	15	6	42	4
Gray	10.4	3	40	4
Reynolds	5	1	11	1

R.A.S.C.

Pamplin, b Williams	1
Cadman, b Williams	1
Gray, b Williams	7
Whitley, b Williams	4
Skipp, b Williams	0
Reynolds, not out	10
Funnell, b Meehan	17
Buckland, b Meehan	0
Spain, b Williams	0
Wedge, b Williams	0
Extras	8
Total	48

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Williams	8	1	27	7
Anstruther	3	0	7	0
Meehan	4	1	6	2

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BERWICK'S RUGBY TRIUMPH.

SHANGHAI POLICE BEATEN 12-0.

The team from H.M.S. Berwick who fared so well against the Marines last Saturday, despite being beaten, gave a good exhibition last week in Shanghai when they defeated the Police Rugby fifteen by 12 points (3 tries and a penalty goal) to nil. The game took place on the Polo Ground and was attended by quite a goodly number.

The Navy team have shown that they can play good Rugby and their prominence in the forward department on Saturday was again evident, when they had the Police on the defensive for the better part of the game. The pack very good and the heeling brought the ball out to Worthington, the Navy scrum-half, far oftener than the Police could get it. Rudd was outstanding in the Navy pack and set a fine example to the others with his dribbling and work in the loose. Worthington was excellent at scrum-half, combining good passing with several runs on his own which produced good results. Pascal was the best of the three-quarters, though McIntyre was good on the wing and made several useful runs.

A Dour Defence.

The Police found their dashing tactics halted by the dour work of the Navy defence and the visitors were far and away better when it came to dribbling, whilst their work in the loose was obviously superior. Pitts played a fine game at full-back and is now settling down to this position very well. His tackling and kicking were sure, and he made several good runs as well. Poole was the best of the three-quarter line and created several good openings, but the opposing players brought the local threes down when they were dangerous.

The Police kicked off and pressed, but to no avail, as the Navy tackled determinedly and eventually the visitors came back strongly, despite the fact that they were several men short. A good kick by Pascal relieved the pressure when the Police attacked and then Worthington started his line off on a good three-quarter movement, and Pascal nearly scored but was brought down by Pitts. After several scrums, the Navy opened their count when a good movement took place and eventually McIntyre went over, but Pascal failed with the kick. On kicking off, the Police attempted to even things and Ball went through to give over to Poole, but the latter was brought down and a promising chance came to nothing. The Navy came back again but could not score and the half-ended without further incident.

Pitts in Form.

In the second half, the Police pressed for the first few minutes and a forward rush backed by weight nearly saw them scoring, but Pascal picked up and booted into touch. A penalty was given to the Police and Poole missed a good chance. The Navy came back strongly and it was only Pitts' good tackling that stopped the visitors from scoring earlier than they did. Eventually Rudd went over in a forward rush to score the second try and Pascal missed again. Making amends for his earlier misses, Pascal soon afterwards scored from a penalty kick, to put the Navy into a further lead and then the Police made another effort and Pitts made a good run, but was brought down.

This marked the last chance the local team had, as the Navy pressed strongly thereafter and were always near to scoring. Worthington made a good run on his own and succeeded in beating several men, to carry the ball over the line to score the last try of the match, which was not converted. The visitors were all over the Police thereafter and it was a hard struggle for the losers to keep their opponents from increasing their score.

WINTER SOLSTICE.

OBSERVED BY LOCAL CHINESE.

Yesterday, the Chinese Festival of "Tung Chi" (Winter Solstice), was duly observed by the Chinese in the Colony, most of whom celebrated the occasion by holding sumptuous feasts in the evening and praying to Heaven.

On the Lunar Calendar, the festival marks the arrival of Winter.

Many schools, both English and Chinese, were closed for the day.

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

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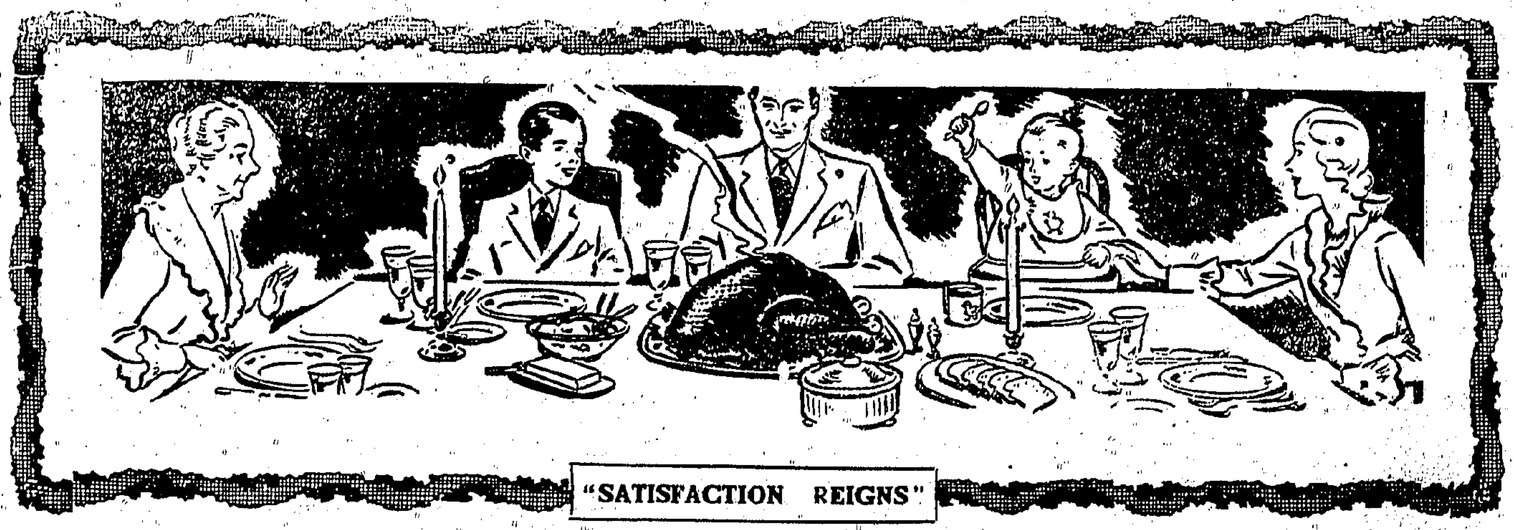
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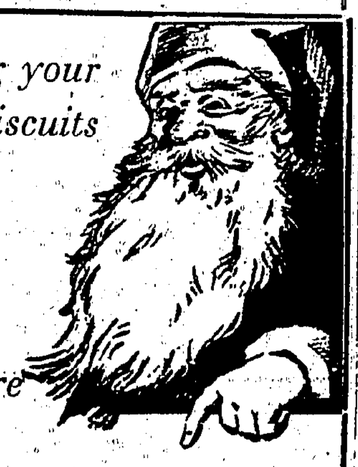

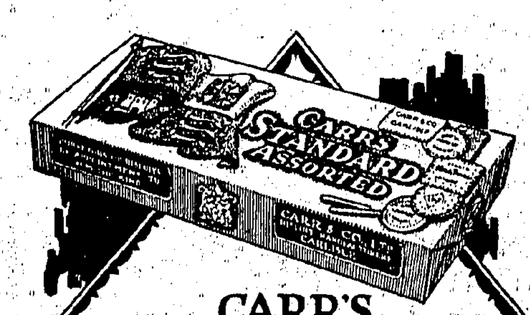

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CHILD SOLD FOR A SMALL SUM.

MOTHER BOUND OVER BY MAGISTRATE.

GO-BETWEEN FINED.

Mr. Q. A. A. MacFayden prosecuted in a case yesterday in which a mother of a three-year-old child was summond for selling the infant to another woman and the go-between in the transaction was also summoned for being concerned in the sale.

Mr. MacFadyen said that the child looked very fit; it seemed to be perfectly contented and there was absolutely no sign of ill-treatment. It would appear that from the mother's point of view the transaction was entirely casual, and it was very probable that if the child was returned to her she would sell it again, unless she had some warning.

As regards the second defendant, Look Koo, she claimed that she was not present when the purchase money, amounting to $39, was passed over. In all these cases, said Mr. MacFadyen, a sale would probably never take place without the intervention of a go-between. In the present instance, the purchaser who was not prosecuted, made a casual remark that she wanted a child to act as companion to her own child, and, having overheard it, the go-between took it on herself to search for one. The whole case therefore arose from the intervention of Look Koo.

Mother Warned.

As regards the punishment, Mr. MacFadyen observed that he thought the mother would have some difficulty in paying a monetary fine, in view of her poverty and her husband's illness. On the other hand, a term of imprisonment would also raise a difficulty, as there would be the question of the care of her five children.

In binding the mother over in a sum of $50 for a year, his Worship made it clear to her that the bond was to deter her from again selling the child after it was returned to her. His Worship warned her that if she did so, she would not only be fined $50 but go to prison as well.

The go-between, was fined $20, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

SHIPPING CO. HARD HIT.

ORIENT LINE'S ANNUAL MEETING.

BAD OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE.

London, Dec. 16.—The deplorable state of the passenger and freight traffic between England and Australia was stressed by Sir Alan Anderson, the Chairman of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, at the company's annual meeting today.

Sir Alan was by no means optimistic regarding the outlook for the immediate future and painted a gloomy picture for the share-holders. Trade this year was bad, he said, wut next year would be worse, and there was no knowing when it would recover.

At present less than a third of the berths for saloon passengers on the Orient boats are occupied by the time the vessels reach Australia, while for the return journeys only about seventeen per cent. of these berths are usually engaged. Moreover, Government assisted emigration from Great Britain to Australia has fallen by 97 per cent. in three years owing to the fact that Australia does not need new settlers. This has been a serious blow to the shipping companies.

Freight earnings, declared Sir Alan, were now only a quarter of the normal amount but all shipping lines to Australia, he said, were trying to meet the difficulties by co-operation and economy rather than by increasing freight rates.

The only bright part of the Chairman's review was that dealing with the trade between ports *en route* from England to Australia. This had not only been maintained but is now even larger than in normal times.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese music.
12.30 p.m.—European programme of recorded music.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail notice, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.
5 to 8 p.m.—Chinese concert from the studio.
8 to 11 p.m.—European programme of recorded music.
8 p.m.—Local time, weather report and stock quotations.
8.04 to 8.32 p.m.—

Scottish Selections.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo—Entry of Pipe Band."—Pipe Band of H.M. Scots Guards.—Col. 9110.

Song—"The Auld Scots Sangs" (Bethune and Leeson).

Song—"I'm Glad My He'rt's My Ain" (arr. Inglis).—Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano).—Col. 4759.

Chorus—"Auld Lang Syne" (Traditional).

Chorus—"Annie Laurie" (Traditional). — 1,250 Voices. — Col. 4292.

Vocal gems from Sir Harry Lauder Songs."—The Border Singers.—Col. DX113.

8.32 to 9 p.m.—

Christmas Records.

Christmas Hymns and Carols.—The Trinity Choir.—Vic. 35789/35946.

An English Christmas (Descriptive Sketch). — Anonymous. — H.M.V. C2078.

Chimes—(a) "Christmas Bells," (b) "Good King Wenceslas," (c) "Joy to the World," (d) "Deck the Hall," (e) "We Three Kings of Orient Are," (f) "The First Nowell."—William H. Reitz.—(Vic. 20993).

9 to 11 p.m.—

Dance Programme of Victor Records.

Fox Trot—"That Too, Do."
Fox Trot—"You Rascal You."—22793.

Fox Trot—"If I didn't Have You."

Fox Trot—"Now That You're Gone."—22807.

Waltz—"So Close to Me."

Fox Trot—"Good-night, Sweetheart."—22825.

Fox Trot—"Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries."

Fox Trot—"This is the Missus."—22783.

Fox srot—"After To-night."

Fox Trot—"One Night Alone with You."—22744.

One Step—"Lady of Spain."
Waltz—"Why Dance?"—22774.
Fox Trot—"There's No Other Girl."

Fox Trot—"I'm all Dressed Up with a Broken Heart.—22768.

Fox Trot—"Can't You See."
Fox Trot—"When It's Sleepy Time Down South."—22828.

Fox Trot—"The First Girl I Met."

Waltz—"When the Clock is Striking Twelve."—22764.

Fox Trot—"Nevertheless."

Fox Trot—"Look in the Looking Glass."—22722.

Fox Trot—"You Can't Stop me From Loving You."

Fox Trot—"What's Keeping My Prince Charming?"—22710.

Fox Trot—"Minnie, the Moocher."

Fox Trot—"Heebie Jeebies."—22763.

Waltz—"Reaching for the Moon."
Fox Trot—"Truly I Love You."—22613.

Fox Trot—"Maybe It's the Moon."

Fox Trot—"I was Only Teasing You."—22727.

Fox Trot—"Come to Me."
Fox Trot—"As Long as You're There."—22756.

Waltz—"The Kiss That You've Forgotten."
Waltz—"I'm Just a Dancing Sweetheart."—22796.
Fox Trot—"Old Playmate Dancing."
Fox Trot—"A Faded Summer."—22827.

Fox Trot—"Have a Heart."
Fox Trot—"To-night or Never."—22794.
Fox Trot—"Echoes of the Jungle."
Fox Trot—"Limehouse Blues."—22743.
Waltz—"Always."
Waltz—"Princess Flavia—Medley."—19955.

11 p.m. Close down.

All records in the above European programmes are supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Moutrie & Co., and Tsang Fook Piano Co.

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LEAVE TO APPEAL.

DECISION IN FAVOUR OF APPLICANT.

Sitting in Full Court yesterday, the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Lindsell) gave their decision in a recent application for leave to appeal against a judgment in the Summary Court.

Originally, the Ip Tuen Tait Shing firm, 147, Pei Ho Street, Shamshuipo, sued the Wong Kai Kee Firm, 111, Yu Chau Street, Shamshuipo, for $925, for goods sold and delivered, and materials supplied.

The action was heard by Mr. Justice Lindsell who gave judgment for plaintiff with costs, and the appeal is against that judgment.

Leave was granted for the notice of motion to be amended to allow the hearing at a later date, on the terms that the costs of and incidental to, the hearing of the objection, should be the respondent's in any event.

The Judges held that the appellant did not give the respondents reasonable notice, but they were not prepared to dismiss the motion out of hand. They thought the case was one in which the respondents had not been prejudiced by the irregularity to an extent which amendment could not cure.

Mr. R. C. H. Lim, instructed by Mr. P. H. Sin was for appellant-defendant, while Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, was for respondent-plaintiff.

GREYHOUND RACING'S SWIFT POPULARITY.

HOW IT SPREAD IN ENGLAND.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AT MACAO.

In the autumn of 1925 a man at a meeting of the Sussex County Coursing Club mentioned the words Greyhound Racing. That man was Major L. Lyne Dixon, who is today the Director of the Greyhound Racing Association. Those words then conveyed nothing and impressed nothing, and little did the hearers realise that for every one present and interested in the coursing that day ten thousand would be interested in Greyhound Racing within two years. Major Dixon spoke in the wilderness. He was a popular and respected figure in the coursing world, and so people listened but they did not hear. Later, rumour said that a track might be opened in England, and when this was confirmed just a little interest was aroused and opinions were ventured. Every opinion agreed. The Racing Greyhounds behind an artificial hare would be a joke—simply too ridiculous. And, as for the dogs, they would certainly not run after such a silly hare twice. Meantime, Major Dixon never ceased to explain, but his enthusiasm must have been tested to the hilt. A few dogs were sold, as the owners put it, for this track stunt, which when the coursing season finished, completely vanished from the minds of ninety nine out of every hundred of those interested in greyhounds.

The Sport Spreads!

The next chapter of the introduction of Greyhound Racing opens at Manchester with the building of the Belle Vue Track. Some three thousand people turned up on the opening night. Those three thousand went away and carried with them the word that this new novelty was worth seeing. They brought others, and after the first week, the figures commenced to creep up, until, at the end of the season ten thousand spectators was a thin crowd; and on popular nights, in favourable weather, every inch of the space was packed, and thousands were turned away who could not get in. All this convinced the Greyhound Racing Association that they could go forward with confidence to launch an ambitious programme which, commencing with the White City Track in London, will eventually carry Greyhound Racing into all the chief centres of population in the Country. The Edinburgh track of the G.R.A. opened in August was followed by tracks at Birmingham, Leeds, and Harringay. Others are at Southend, Liverpool, Blackpool and Glasgow.

"People Like It."

The G.R.A. finally ended up with a Greyhound Course at Wembley Stadium, and the Directors, with reference to recent suggestion, that dog racing will soon die out; state there is no evidence of any decline in the interest taken in this sport. Well ordered racing they consider has come to stay. The orderliness at the meetings has been remarkable. The full significance of Greyhound Racing as a sport even yet has hardly been realised. There is one short summing up of the whole situation which can be put into three words, from which everybody can make their own deductions. Those three words are "People Like It." Heaps of reasons, including, of course, the gambling, could be given to explain why, but that is not the point. The point is that they like Greyhound Racing. The cold facts of the ever advancing figures of the attendances at the Tracks all over the world leaves no loophole for doubt even to the most sceptical.

In Macao.

The Macao Greyhound Racing Club have now engaged to venture on the sport on a big scale as is already indicated, and they, no doubt, will meet with the success gained in other parts of the world. They have engaged an experienced staff and the track and buildings such as the stands, control tower, brakehouse etcetera are nearing completion. The kennels which has accomodation for 300 Greyhounds were ready some two months ago. Soon you will hear the whir of the electric hare speeding around the track with the dogs in full pursuit. Training has already started and soon the dogs will be ready for trial runs with the electric hare.

The date for these trials will be announced publicly so watch carefully for the announcement when one and all will be welcomed to attend and view what will be the first performance of this highly exciting sport in this part of South China.

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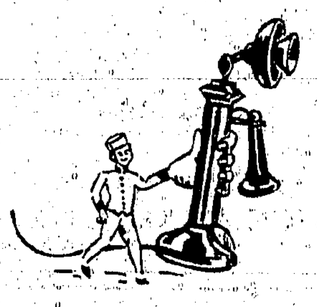

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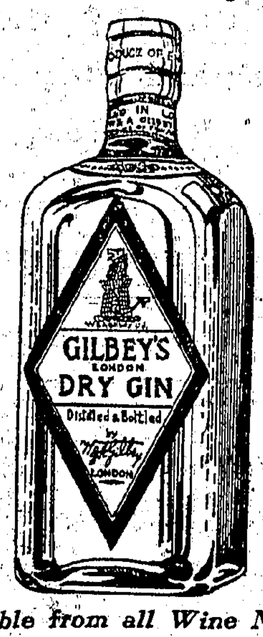

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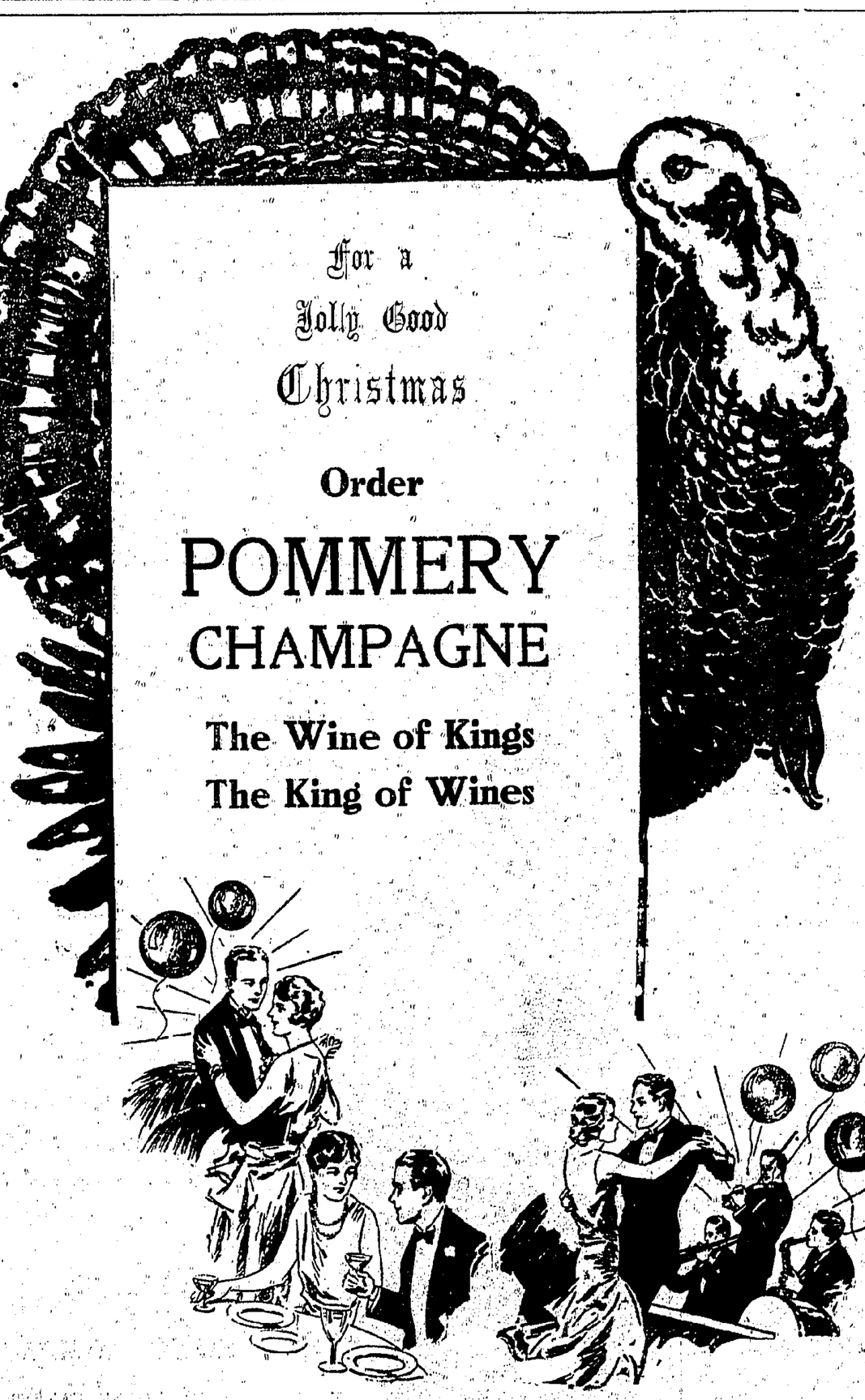

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The Winning Letter, and the advertisement securing most votes, will be published in the Hong Kong Daily Press on January 7, 1932.

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$10.—5th Competition—Best advertisement between December 21 and 25. Letters must be received by December 30, results published January 4.

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The Editor's Decision is Final.

No correspondence will be entered into.

(No member of the staff of the HONG KONG DAILY PRESS is eligible for this competition).

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM

4th **$10** Competition

To the advertising manager
THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS
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In my opinion the attached is the best advertisement which has appeared in the Hong Kong Daily Press between the dates of December 14 and December 19. I enclose a letter giving reasons for my choice. I have read the conditions of this competition and agree to abide by them.

Signed MR. / MRS. / MISS .....

Address .....

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"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

THE Motor Vessel "GLENGARRY" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 28th Dec., 1931, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 28th December, 1931, at 10 a.m. To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

Claims against the Vessel including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1931. [1670

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "PORTHOS."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DEC., 1931.

FROM MARSEILLES, ETC.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Undersigned before Thursday, the 31st Dec., 1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1931.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1931. [1612

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FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th January, 1932, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th inst., at 10 A.M., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the general Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendan c when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

ADEN.

Somali, P. & O., Dec. 26.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 26.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 9.

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, Dec. 27.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 10.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Jan. 24.

ALGIERS.

Tamara, Gilman, Jan. 4.
Poiping, Gilman, Jan. 27.

AMOY

Haiching, Douglas, Dec. 26.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Dec. 28.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 29.
Taiyuan, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Talma, M. M. & Co., Jan. 1.
Suisang, J. M. & Co., Jan. 2.
Antung, B. & S., Jan. 3.
Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 5.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 7.
Takada, M. M. & Co., Jan. 15.
Kutsang, J. M. & Co., Jan. 19.
Hosang, J. M. & Co., Jan. 31.

AMSTERDAM.

Tamara, Gilman, Dec. 27.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 4.
Diomed, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 9.
Afrika, Manners, Jan. 20.
Poiping, Gilman, Jan. 27.
Saale, Melchers, Jan. 29.

ANTWERP.

Somali, P. & O., Dec. 25.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 26.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 9.
Karmala, M. M. & Co., Jan. 16.
Afrika, Manners, Jan. 20.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.
Annam, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Nankin, M. M. & Co., Jan. 2.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 15.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Nellore, M. M. & Co., Jan. 30.

BALBOA.

Pres. Hoover, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 4.
Pres. Jackson, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar, Jan. 26.

BALI.

Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 29.
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., Jan. 5.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., Jan. 12.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 19.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 26.

BALTIC PORTS.

Afrika, Manners, Jan. 20.

BALTIMORE.

Laganbank, Bank, Jan. 8.
Rhexenor, B. & S., Jan. 11.
Taybank, Bank, Feb. 5.

BANGKOK.

Bintang, Manners, Dec. 25.
Kweiyang, B. & S., Dec. 26.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 27.
Kaying, B. & S., Dec. 27.

BARCELONA.

Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 9.

BATAVIA.

Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 29.
Tjinegara, J.C.J.L., Jan. 5.
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BELAWAN-DELI.

Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.

BOMBAY

Tokiwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Rawalpindi, M. M. & Co., Jan. 2.
Mirzapore, M. M. & Co., Jan. 4.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 4.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Obitral, M. M. & Co., Jan. 30.

BOSTON

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, Dec. 27.
Laganbank, Bank, Jan. 8.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 10.
Rhexenor, B. & S., Jan. 11.
Japanese Prince, Furness, Jan. 20.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Jan. 24.
Taybank, Bank, Feb. 5.

BREMEN.

Isar, Melchers, Jan. 4.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 9.
Saale, Melchers, Jan. 29.

BRINDISI.

Cracovia, Dodwell's, Dec. 27.
Hilda, Dodwell's, Jan. 17.

CALCUTTA.

Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Tilawa, M. M. & Co., Dec. 30.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 4.
Kumsang, J. M. & Co., Jan. 7.
Santhia, M. M. & Co., Jan. 7.
Yuensang, J. M. & Co., Jan. 16.
Talma, M. M. & Co., Jan. 22.

CASABLANCA.

Isar, Melchers, Jan. 4.
Diomed, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Karmala, M. M. & Co., Jan. 16.

CHEFOO.

Chipshing, J. M. & Co., Dec. 29.
Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 7.
Huichow, B. & S., Jan. 8.

CHRISTOBAL.

Pres. Hoover, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 4.
Pres. Jackson, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Pres. McKinley, Dollar, Jan. 26.

COLOMBO.

Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 26.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, Dec. 27.
Tokiwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Mirzapore, M. M. & Co., Jan. 4.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 5.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 9.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 10.
Porthos, M.M., Jan. 19.
Hector, B. & S., Jan. 20.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Jan. 24.

COPENHAGEN.

Afrika, Manners, Jan. 20.

DAIREN.

Chenan, B. & S., Dec. 26.

DJIBOUTI.

Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 5.
Porthos, M.M., Jan. 19.

DUNKIRK.

Yangtsze, M.M., Jan. 4.

FOOCHOW.

Haiching, Douglas, Dec. 26.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 29.
Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 5.

GENOA.

Gracovia, Dodwell's, Dec. 27.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, Dec. 27.
Saarland, Jebsen, Jan. 2.
Tamara, Gilman, Jan. 4.
Pruessen, Jebsen, Jan. 8.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 9.
Agapenor, B. & S., Jan. 10.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 10.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 15.
Hilda, Dodwell's, Jan. 17.
Ermland, Jebsen, Jan. 18.
Kulmerland, Melchers, Jan. 19.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Jan. 24.
Poiping, Gilman, Jan. 27.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
AND
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CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel "AGAPENOR"

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE

are hereby notified that their Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie a Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 21st December.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th December will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th Jan., 1932, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

21st December, 1931. [1609

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Steamer "COBLENZ" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

Consignees are further notified that the Steamer "COBLENZ" has taken at HAMBURG and BREMEN Through Cargo for HONG KONG ex S.S. "KONG BING," S.S. "NORDWEST," S.S. "BONN" and S.S. "FRISONIA" from OSLO and GOTHENBURG.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th of December, 1931, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, at 10 a.m., on the 28th of December, 1931.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents:
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hong Kong, 22nd Dec., 1931. [1610

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "CHINESE PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 18th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 24th instant at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

FURNESS (FAR EAST), LTD.,
2nd Floor, King's Building,
Connaught Road.
Telephone 28165.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1931. [1566

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "PREUSSEN" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Dec., 1931, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th Dec., 1931, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 14th January, 1932, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned,

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Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th Dec. 1931. [1600

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				Banks				
...	$1,000	...	...	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	$1,510
...	...	...	£103	Do. (London) ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	£10½	Chartered Banks ...	...	£11½	...	...
...	...	...	£17½	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	£19½
...	...	...	£7½	Do. "C"	...	£9	...	...
...	...	...	$128	Bank of East Asia...	...	...	...	$129½
...	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Banks ...	...	...	...	...
				Insurances				
...	...	...	$1,450	Canton Insurances...	$1,300	...	...	...
...	...	...	£4.90	Underwriters	£4.70	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	North Chinas.....	...	...	...	...
...	...	$420	...	Union Insurances ...	...	...	$410	...
...	...	...	...	Yangtsze Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$650	China Fires	$500	...	...	...
...	...	...	$1,450	H.K. Fires	$1,300	...	...	...
				Shipping				
$25	...	...	...	Douglases	...	...	...	$25
...	...	...	$24	Steamboats	...	...	...	$25
...	...	...	$25	Indos (pref.)	...	...	...	65/-
...	...	...	$25	Do. (def.)	...	...	...	80/-
...	...	...	33/8	Shell Transports ...	...	...	...	65/-
...	...	...	$24	Water-boats	...	...	...	$27
				Mining				
...	...	...	$1 ¼	Benguets.....	...	...	...	$12
...	$2	...	...	Venzuela Gold Fids.	$1.25	...	...	...
...	...	...	27/8	Kailans	...	...	...	30/-
...	...	...	...	Langkats (comb.) ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.4.95	Do. (single) ...	...	...	...	T4.70
...	...	...	T2.70	Explorations.....	...	...	...	T2.40
...	...	...	T.2½	Shanghai Loans ...	...	...	...	T4.50
$40½	...	...	...	Raubs	...	...	...	$41
...	...	...	...	Tronoh Mines	...	...	...	12/9
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
$153	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharfs...	...	...	...	$158½
$5.20	...	...	...	Providents (old) ...	$5.20	$5.30	$5.20/.	30
$2.35	...	...	...	Do. (new) ...	$2.35	...	...	...
...	...	...	$29	H.K. Docks	...	...	...	$29
...	...	...	$12	S. China Motors "A"	...	...	...	$10
...	...	...	T.95	Do. "B"	...	...	...	$10
...	...	...	T.8½	Shanghai Docks ...	...	...	...	T.95
...	...	...	T.225	New Engineerings	...	...	...	T.6½
				Hongkews	...	...	...	...
				Lands, Hotels, and Buildings				
$15.30	...	$15½	...	H.K. Hotels (old) ...	$15½	...	$15.30	...
$14½	...	$14.85	...	Do. (new)	$14.3	...	...	...
$80½	...	...	...	H.K. Lands	$80½	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.30	Shanghai Lands ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	$11.70	...	H.K. Realtys	$11.70	...	...	...
...	...	...	$19	Humphreys (old) ...	$15.75	...	...	...
...	...	...	$17½	Do. (new)	$18.25	...	...	...
$95	...	...	...	Chinese Estates ...	...	...	...	...
				Cotton Mills				
T15.40	...	T15.60	...	Ewos	T15.40	...	T15.40	...
...	...	...	T.82	Shai Cottons.....	...	...	...	T 83
...	...	...	T.12	Zoong Sings	...	...	...	T.11½
				Public Utilities				
$21.30	...	...	...	Tramways	$21	...	...	...
...	...	...	$15½	Peak Trams (old)...	...	...	...	$15½
...	...	...	$7½	Do. (new)...	$7½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$96½	Star Ferries	...	...	...	$90
...	...	...	3.6	Yaumati Ferries ..	$25½	...	...	...
$27½	...	...	...	China Lights	$27½	...	27.10/	40
$77½	...	$77½	...	H.K. Electrics	$78½	...	$78.30	...
...	...	...	$23	Macao do.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$12	Sandakan Lights ...	...	...	...	...
			$13	Telephones (fully pd.)	...	...	...	...
$28½	...	...	...	Do. (part pd.)	$29½	call	paid	...
...	...	...	T17.90	China Buses	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4/-	Tractions	...	...	...	7/-
...	...	...	19/-	Do. (pref.).....	...	...	...	...
				Industrials				
			$0.50	China Sugars.....	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$39	Malabon Sugars ...	...	...	...	$28
...	...	...	T.14	Caldbeck, (ord.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.10¼	Macgregors (pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$5½	Canton Ices	$5½	...	...	...
$19½	$19.40	19.15/	19½	Cements (comb.)...	$19.20	...	19/.30	...
$19½	...	...	...	Do. (old)...	...	...	...	$14
...	...	...	$6	Do. (new)...	$42	...	...	...
$17½	...	$17	...	Ropes	$17	...	$17	...
				Miscellaneous				
$28½	...	...	...	Dairy Farms	$28½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$1	Der A. Winga.....	...	...	...	...
$19.80	...	...	...	Amusements (old)	...	...	...	$19½
...	...	...	$17½	Ch. E'tainments (old)	$17	...	...	...
...	...	...	$16	Do. (new	$16½	...	...	...
$5.55	...	...	...	Constructions, (old)	...	...	...	$5.80
$1.90	...	...	...	Do., (new)	$1.80	...	...	...
...	...	...	$6.60	Lane Crawfords(old)	...	...	...	$6½
...	...	...	$6.10	Do. (new)	...	...	$6	...
...	...	...	$19	Mackintoshs	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco...	$4½	...	...	...
$16	...	...	$15½	Sinceres	$16	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Watsons	...	$16½	...	...
...	...	...	$3.60	Wm. Powells	...	...	...	$3.80
...	...	...	$10	N. C. Enterprises...	$8	...	...	...
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Samshui and Wuchow (By direct steamer)	4.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.
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Kaukong (except Saturdays)		6.00 p.m.		6.00 p.m.
Fatshan and Wuchow (By Train)	7.15 a.m.		7.15 a.m.	
Tai O	1.00 p.m.		11.00 a.m.	
Tai Po	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.		9.00 a.m.	
Shumchun	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.		11.00 a.m.	
Cheungchow	1.00 p.m. & 5.00 p.m.		11.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.	
Aberdeen	8.00 a.m.		8.00 a.m.	
Stanley	12.30 p.m.		11.00 a.m.	
Autau	8.30 a.m.		8.30 a.m.	
Pingshan, Santin Shatin, Shatamkok and Sheungshui	3.00 p.m.		10.30 a.m.	
Saikung	4.30 p.m.		10.30 a.m.	
Namtau, Shakki & Taiping (Fumun)		7.00 p.m.		7.00 p.m.

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 27th Dec.,	10 a.m.
HONGAY & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 27th Dec.,	3 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"KWANGTUNG"	On 28th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 29th Dec.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 29th Dec.,	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"NEWCHWANG"	On 29th Dec.,	5 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"‡	On 30th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KINGYUAN"	On 1st Jan.,	10 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 1st Jan.,	5 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 3rd Jan.,	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 3rd Jan.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUIYANG"	On 5th Jan.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 8th Jan.,	10 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 15th Jan.,	5 p.m

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CHANGTE	9th Feb.	20th Feb.	23rd Feb.	10th Mar.
TAIPING	8th Mar.	16th Mar.	21st Mar.	6th Apr.
CHANGTE	12th Apr.	19th Apr.	22nd Apr.	8th May

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M.S. "Afrika" ...	—	20th Jan., 1932
M.S. "Chile" ...	8th Jan., 1932	8th Feb., "
M.S. "Danmark" ...	28th Jan., "	28th Feb., "
M.S. "Java" ...	29th Feb., "	29th Mar., "

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HAIYANG	... ...	Tuesday,	the 5th Jan., 1932, at 2 p.m.

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EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Asnoms due from Europe Jan. 11.
Agamemnon due from Europe Jan. 27.
Athos II due from Europe Feb. 15.
Celtic Star due from Europe Jan. 25.
Carthage due from Europe Feb. 11.
Calchas due from Europe Feb. 29.
Chenonceaux due from Europe Feb. 1.
Chitral due from Europe Dec. 31
D'Artagnan due from Europe Feb. 29.
Emp. of Asia due from Vancouver Jan. 11.
Emp. of Canada due from Vancouver Jan. 22.
Emp. of Japan due from Vancouver Dec. 25.
Emp. of Russia due from Vancouver Feb. 8.
Ermland due from Europe Jan. 20.
Eumaeus due from Europe Dec. 27.
Eurylochus due from Europe Feb. 11.
Fulda due from Europe Jan. 14.
Kalyan due from Europe Jan. 8.
Kashmir due from Europe Jan. 4.
Machaon due from Europe Jan. 19.
Malacca Maru due from Europe Dec. 27.
Medon due from Europe Jan. 11.
Memnon due from Europe Feb. 22.
Menelaus due from Europe Jan. 4.
Menestheus due from America Feb. 7.
Naldera due from Europe Jan. 28.
Nellore due from Australia Jan. 3.
Oldenburg due from Europe Jan. 8.
Perseus due from Europe Feb. 1.
Phemius due from New York Jan. 11.
Philoctetes due from Europe Feb. 29.
Porthos due from Europe Jan. 18.
Pres. Cleveland due from America Dec. 26.
Pres. Hayes due from America Dec. 26.
Pres. Hoover due from America Dec. 28.
Pres. Jackson due from America Jan. 11.
Pres. Jefferson due from America Jan. 22.
Pres. McKinley due from America Jan. 25.

S.S. "PRESIDENT HOOVER"

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on Friday, Dec. 25

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at

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—	...(HAL) S.S. "SAARLAND"	2nd Jan.,	32 Genoa, Marseilles, Rotterdam, Hamburg.
—	...(NDL) S.S. "ISAR"	4th Jan.	Mar,Oran,C'ca,L'don,A'am,R'dam,H'burg,B'men
—	...(HAL) S.S. "PREUSSEN"	16th Jan.	Genoa, Rotterdam, Hamburg
—	...(NDL) S.S. "COBLENZ"	9th Jan.	Genoa,B'lona,Lisbon,A'am,R'dam,H'burg,B'men
23rd Dec..	(HAL) M.S. "KULMERLAND"	21st Jan.	Genoa, Mar, Havre, R'dam, H'burg
3rd Jan ..	(NDL) M.S. "SAALE"	29th Jan.	Mar, L'don, A'dam, R'dam, H'burg, B'men
8th Jan...	(HAL) S.S. "OLDENBURG"	3rd Feb.	Genoa, Rotterdam, Hamburg
14th Jan...	(NDL) M.S. "FULDA"	6th Feb.	G'oa,B'lona,Lisbon,A'dam,R'dam,H'burg,B'men
2 th Jan...	(HAL) M.S. "ERMLAND"	18th Feb.	Genoa, Mar, R'dam, H'burg

NDL, Hong Kong/New Guinea service: S.S. "BREMERHAVEN," 14th Feb., 1932, to RABAUL and ports.

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE
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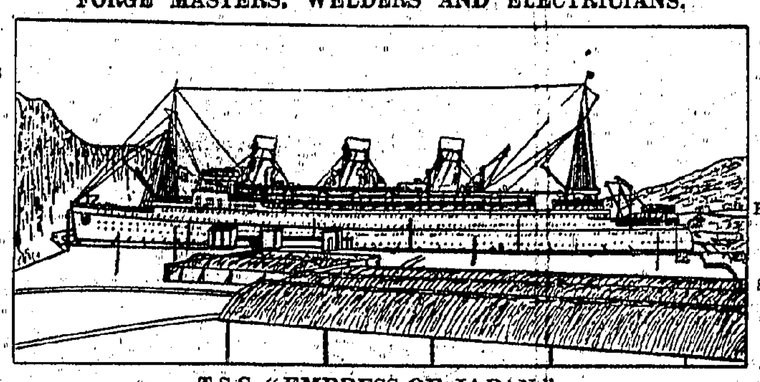

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	"FOOSHING"	Wed., 6th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Thurs., 7th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Satur., 16th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"SUISANG"	Satur., 6th Feb., at 3 p.m.
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OSAKA via AMOY & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Tues., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
	"HOSANG"	Sun., 31st Jan., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"YUSANG"	Fri., 1st Jan., at Noon
	"MAUSANG"	Sun., 3rd Jan., at Noon
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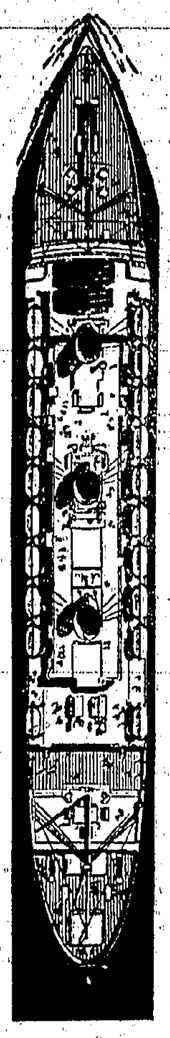

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 11,804 TONS; THROUGH CARGO 27,074 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.	
British			
Glenbeg, Yokohama	42	7,734	
Kaitangata, Samarinda	820	1,600	
Hydrangea, Swatow	200	—	
Szechuen, Shanghai	605	1,200	
Borneo, Haiphong	2,450	—	
	4,207	—10,534	
Dutch			
Van Heutsz, B. Deli	805	190	
Tjinegara, Sourabaya	3,135	3,975	
	3,940	— 4,095	
French			
G. Metzinger, Yokohama	325	2,165	
	325	— 2,165	
Japanese			
Tenikuni Maru, Hamburg	178	8,286	
Hozan Maru, Keelung	812	—	
Harunas Maru, Miike	2,130	2,000	
	3,120	—10,280	
Chinese			
Stanley, Swatow	48	—	
Tak Hing, Autow	4	—	
Sun Kong, K. C. Wan	200	—	
	252	— —	
Total	11,804	27,074	

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow	240
Szechuen (Br.) Shanghai	216
Borneo (Br.) Haiphong	136
Van Heutsz (Dut.) B. Deli	2,173
Tjinegara (Dut.) Sourabaya	1,167
G. Metzinger (Fr.) Y'hama	132
Hozan Maru (Jap.) Keelung	15
Stanley (Chi.) Swatow	106
Total	4,175

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	7	11
Dutch	2	2
French	1	1
Norwegian	1	2
Japanese	3	2
Chinese	3	2
German	0	2
Total	17	22

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves.

Kowloon.—Terukuni Maru.
Holt's.—Antenor.
Sheony—Laichikôk. — Muncaster Castle.
O.S.K.—Hozan Maru.

Docks.

Kowloon.—Yei Maru, Limchow, Yuan Geng, Gil Eanes, Kwaisang.
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Buoys.

No. A1.—Tjinegara.
No. A2.—Porthos.
No. A7.—Van Heutsz.
No. B3.—Kaying.
No. B8.—Helios.
No. B9.—Feng Lee.
No. B10.—Bintang.
No. B11.—Albert Sarrant.
No. B14.—Kweiyang.
No. B15.—Tsinan.
No. B16.—Fingal.
No. B18.—Canton.
No. B20.—Szechuen.
No. B21.—Hanyang.
No. B23.—Menado Maru.
No. B25.—Kaitangata.
No. B26.—Apoey.
No. B27.—St. Dunstan.
No. C1.—Clara Jebsen.
No. C2.—Halvard.
No. C3.—Borneo.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in port:—

Basin.—Tamar.
North Wall.—Sirdar, Sterling, Serapis.
South Wall.—Bruce, Marazion.
East Wall.—Herald, Olympus, Perseus, Seamew.
North Arm.—Kent.
West Wall.—Suffolk.
Dock.—Oswald, Orpheus, Phoenix.
Buoy No. 1.—Hermes.
Buoy No. 2.—Medway and Submarines.
Buoy No. 3.—Cumberland.
Buoy No. 6.—Cornwall.
Foreign.—Portuguese transport Gil Eanes; French gunboat Argus; U.S.S. Mindanao.

POOR EAST INDIAN TRADE.

The Rotterdam Lloyd, in their report for 1930, reflect the uncertain conditions prevailing in the East Indian trade. The disorganisation of the produce markets brought about a decline in homeward cargo offerings, and the growing industrialisation of Japan and the Far East generally is having a serious effect upon the trade to that quarter. The gross profit on voyages amounted to 5,465,044 gls., compared with 8,364,979 gls. in 1929.

ARRIVALS.

December 22.

Antenor, British str., 6,809 tons, Capt. R. J. Woodgett, from Shanghai, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Coblenz, German str., 5,305 tons, Capt. Vogt, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.

General Metzinger, French str., 5,524 tons, Capt. Angelvin, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Glenbeg, British str., 5,646 tons, Capt. L. Newing, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—J. M. & Co.

Halvdan, Norwegian str., 761 tons, Capt. H. Halvorsen, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Thoresen & Co.

Hamalaya Maru, Japanese str., 3,137 tons, Capt. T. Tomita, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Harunasan Maru, Japanese str., 1,667 tons, Capt. Horigome, from Miike, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Helios, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons, Capt. T. Olsen, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—Thoresen & Co.

Ninghai, British str., 1,482 tons, Capt. W. J. King, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. J. S. Anderson, from Canton, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

Sun Kong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 22.

Agapenor, for Shanghai
Benledi, for Shanghai.
Coblenz, for Takao.
Concordia, for Tarakan.
General Metzinger, for Saigon.
Grootekerk, for Shanghai.
Haiyang, for Swatow.
Heiyo Maru, for Moji.
Ninghai, for Tsingtao.
Pres. Wilson, for Shanghai.
Tai Poo Sek, for K. C. Wan.
Tjisadane, for Batavia.

DECLINE IN SHIPBUILDING.

Lloyd's Register Shipping Returns for June quarter show 138,241 tons work less in hand in Great Britain and Ireland at the end of that period than at the close of the previous quarter and 836,460 tons less than at June 30, 1930.

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A notice issued by the Glen Line, Ltd., states that as from and including July 1, 1931, the Holland Oost Azie Lijn becomes a member of the Associated Lines of the Straits, China, and Japan Conference. The name of the Holland Oost Azie Lijn therefore is from and including July 1, 1931, added to the list of steamship companies given in the preamble to the agreement.

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		1932	
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	2nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
* "MIRZAPORE"	5,700	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
†* "KARMALA"	9,000	16th Jan.	Mars., L'don., R'dm. & A'werp.
"CHITRAL"	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†* "KASHMIR"	9,000	13th Feb.	Mars., L'don., R'dm. & A'werp.
"NALDERA"	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡* "SOUDAN"	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, H'bg., R'dm., A'werp. & Hull
"CARTHAGE"	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	26th Mar.	do.
‡* "BURDWAN"	6,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Mars., L'don, Havre, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
"CORFU"	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KANPURA"	17,000	7th May	do.
"CHITRAL"	15,000	21st May	do.
"BANCHI"	17,000	4th June	do.
"NALDERA"	16,000	18th June	do.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	12,000	2nd July	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	16th July	do.
"MANTUA"	11,000	30th July	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	13th Aug.	do.
"KANPURA"	17,000	27th Aug.	do.
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		1932	
"SANTHIA"	8,000	7th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	22nd Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	7,000	5th Feb.	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

		1932	
"CHITRAL"	15,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	1st Jan.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
†* "NELLORE"	7,000	4th Jan.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
* "KALYAN"	9,000	10th Jan.	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	7,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHMIR"	9,000	18th Jan.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
* "SOUDAN"	6,800	20th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NALDERA"	6,000	29th Jan.	do.
"TANDA"	7,000	5th Feb.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"CARTHAGE"	15,000	12th Feb.	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
* "BURDWAN"	6,000	21st Feb.	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	26th Feb.	do.
"CORFU"	15,000	11th Mar.	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	24th Mar.	do
* "SOMALI"	6,800	5th Apr.	do.
"KANPURA"	17,000	7th Apr.	do.
"CHITRAL"	15,000	21st Apr.	do.
* "BANGALORE"	6,500	28th Apr.	do.
"BANCHI"	17,000	5th May	do.
"NALDERA"	16,000	19th May	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	12,000	2nd June	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	16th June	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
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Credits, 60 days' sight	26⅛
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On Calcutta:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	98
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On demand	60 nom.
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On Singapore:—	
On demand	61⅛
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On Haiphong:—	
On demand	61⅛
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Issued & Fully Paid-up...$20,000,000
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Sterling £6,500,000
Silver $10,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hong Kong, 8th Dec., 1931. [26

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

For the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th July, 1930. [2

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BANKERS

Established 1824.

Hong Kong Office: 11, Queen's Road Central.

Authorised Capital
Gldrs. 150,000,000
Paid-Up Capital...Gldrs. 80,030,000
Reserve Fund.....Gldrs. 40,015,000

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.

Branches:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng,* Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta,* The Hague,* Jiddah, Kobe, Makassar, Medan, Palembang, Pekalongan, Penang, Rangoon, Rotterdam,* Samarang,* Shanghai, Singapore, Sourabaia, Soemarang (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap and Weltevreden.*

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London Bankers:—
National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.

A. STOKKINK, Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st Dec., 1931. [20

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Head Office: Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Currency.

Authorized Capital	$11,000,000
Paid-up Capital	8,665,500
Reserve Fund	1,100,000

Branches:—
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Swatow, Bangkok, New York and San Francisco.

London Bankers:—
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Correspondents
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Foreign Exchange and Banking Business of every description transacted.

Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes) at a Yearly Rental of from $5 to $40.

LOOK POONG SHAN, Manager.
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CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

Agencies and Branches:—

Alor Star	Iloilo	Rangoon
Amritsar	Ipoh	Saigon
Bangkok	Karachi	Semarang
Batavia	Klang	Seremban
Bombay	Kobe	Shanghai
Calcutta	Kuala	Singapore
Canton	Kangsar	Sitiawan
Cawnpore	Kuala	Sourabaya
Cebu	Lumpur	Taiping
Colombo	Kuching	Tientsin
Dairen	Madras	Tokyo
Delhi	Manila	Tongkah
Haiphong	Meulaboh	(Bhutan)
Hamburg	New York	Tsingtao
Hankow	Peiping	Yokohama
Harbin	(Peking)	Zamboanga
Hong Kong	Penang	

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. STUART, Manager.
Hong Kong, August 17, 1931. [30

"BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE

(Incorporated in France).
Prince's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.

Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

	Frs.
Capital, fully paid-up	50,000,000
Special Working Capital	50,000,000
Reserves	22,319,000

Branches:—

Paris		Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Tourane	Quinhon	Hue
Vinh	Pnom Penh	
Peiping	Shanghai	Tientsin
	Hong Kong	

Bankers:
France: Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Crédit Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: American Exchange Irving Trust Co., Banca Commerciale Italiana.
San Francisco: Bank of Italy.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.

A. ROLLIN, Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th August, 1931.

BANK OF CHINA.

Reorganized October 26, 1928, under special charter of The National Government as an
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK.

Subscribed Capital	$25,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	$24,710,200.00
Reserve Funds	$3,820,503.82

Head Office:—Shanghai.

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4, Queen's Road Central.

Owing to our numerous branches in China and large connections in the important commercial centres of the world, we are able to extend to our clients special facilities for domestic and foreign banking and exchange.

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SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.

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Authorised Capital	Straits	$20,000,000
Issued	,,	$8,000,000
Paid-up	,,	$4,000,000
Reserve Liabilities of Shareholders	,,	$4,000,000
Surplus	,,	$2,037,000

Branches, Agencies and Correspondents in the principal cities of the world.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

TAN ENG HOOI, Manager.

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Capital	U.S. $5,000,000
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Cairo	Interlaken	Nice	Vienna
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E. W. DUGGAN, Manager.

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Head Office:—
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest	£1,066,845

Bankers:
The Bank of England
and
Midland Bank, Ltd

Branches:

Batavia	Karachi	Madras
Bangkok	Kota Bharu	New York
Bombay	Kuala Krai	Penang
Calcutta	(Kelantan)	Port Louis
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Galle	Kuala	Shanghai
Hong Kong	Lumpur	Simla
Howrah	Kuantan	Singapore
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Kandy		

Hong Kong Branch:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Travellers Cheques issued.
Trustee and Executorships undertaken.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. L. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, 29th April, 1931. [29

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid up)	Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund	Yen 110,200,000

Head Office: Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies at:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rio de
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Janeiro
Berlin	Karachi	Rangoon
Bombay	Kobe	Soerabaya
Calcutta	London	San Francisco
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Harbin	Peiping	Tsingtao
Hong Kong		

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, Sept. 11, 1931. [38

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

Established 1918.

HEAD OFFICE:
10 Des Vœux Road, Central,
HONG KONG.

CAPITAL and SURPLUS ...	... over H. $8,000,000.00
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Every description of Banking Accounts and Exchange business transacted.

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

FOREIGN MAILS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 25th December and Saturday, the 26th December, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Post Office 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

PARCEL MAIL

The Public are hereby warned that in view of the passing of the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs duties in this office is cancelled until further notice except as regards parcels of silk of or under the value of £5-0-0 or its equivalent in dollars at the rate of the day. It will however be necessary in these cases to make a deposit against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the Parcel.

Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it is received.

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	China and Macau	4 cts. per oz
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Postcards.	Local, China and Macau	2 cts. each.
	All other places	8 cts. each.

The Registration fee is in each case 20 cents.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

Information has been received that the Air Mail Service between Shanghai and Manchouli is suspended and the acceptance of letters for this service is accordingly discontinued until further notice.

Christmas and New Year cards enclosed in open envelopes addressed to Hong Kong, China and Macao, are accepted at the special rate for printed matter i.e., 2 cents per 2 ounces.

The cards must not bear more than five written words and the envelopes must be entirely open.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Amoy	*Tilawa*	24th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	*Suwa Maru* ...	24th Dec.
Japan	*Atsuta Maru* ...	25th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 5th December)	*Emp. of Japan* ...	25th Dec.
Shanghai and Swatow	*Kwangtung* ...	28th Dec.
Shanghai and Swatow	*Soochow*	28th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 27th November) ...	*Pres. Hayes* ...	26th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Cleveland* ...	26th Dec.
Europe via Negapatan (Letters and Papers) London, 26th November ...	*Malacca Maru* ...	27th Dec.
London Parcels only London, 19th Nov.	*Eumaeus*	27th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 4th December) ...	*Pres. Hoover* ...	28th Dec.
Japan...	*La Plata Maru* ...	29th Dec.
Japan...	*Nankin*	30th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	*Talma*	30th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	*Hiye Maru* ...	30th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	*Rawalpindi* ...	1st Jan.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 12th December)	*Pres. Taft*	1st Jan.
Australia and Manila	*Nellore*	2nd Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
		Thursday, 24th,
	Menado Maru ...	8.30 A M
	Tjinegara ...	10.30 A M
	Hydrangea ...	3.00 P M
		Kowloon P.O.
		Parcels 1.0 P M
		Reg. 4.30 P M
		Letters 4.30 P M
		G.P.O.
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Somali*	Parcels 3.00 P M
Amoy		Reg. 5.00 P M
Swatow		Letters 6.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd January		
		Friday, 25th,
		Kowloon P.O.
		Reg. 10.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th January	*Suwa Maru* ...	Letters 11.00 A M
		G.P.O.
		Reg. 11.15 A M
		Letters Noon
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 7th January	*Atsuta Maru* ...	Reg. 11.15 A M
Bangkok		Letters Noon
	Bintang	Noon
		Saturday, 26th,
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 12th January, and *EUROPE via Siberia...	*Pres. Cleveland*	Parcels 10.00 A M
		Reg. 11.15 A M
		Letters Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Italy	*Cracovia*	Noon
Manila, ...	*Pres. Hayes* ...	Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haichang* ...	Noon
Manila	*Emp. of Japan* ...	Noon
		Sunday, 27th,
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kwangchow* ...	8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Horan Maru* ...	9.00 A M
		Tuesday 29th,
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning*	2.00 P M
Swatow	*Chipshing*	5.00 P M
		Wednesday, 30th,
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and *South American Ports	*La Plata Maru* ...	10.30 A M
		— JANUARY —
		Friday, 1st,
Sandakan	*Yusang*	10.30 A M
		Saturday, 2nd,
		Kowloon P.O.
		31st Dec.,
		Par. 4.30 P M
		Reg. 2nd 9.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th January	*Rawalpindi* ...	Letters 10.00 A M
		H.P.O.
		31st Dec.,
		Par. 5.00 P M
		Reg. 2nd, 9.45 A M
		Letters 10.30 A M
		Tuesday, 5th,
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haiyang*	1.00 P M

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